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EARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

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Records
of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of
Women Friends


To Quarterly Meeting Clerks.



In their reports and all other communications to the Yearly Meeting, except filling the statistical blanks, Quarterly Meeting Clerks will please use the paper herewith furnished in order that a uniform size, convenient for filing may be obtained. Please write only on one side of the sheet. It is highly important that all reports should be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting's clerk at the earliest possible convenience, since he has a large amount of statistical and other matter to collate and arrange before the meeting begins.

The following items indicate the regular routine business (at present) and it would be well for clerks to arrange and number their minutes in the order here indicated, other items following after.

- 1 Queries read.
- 2 Names of Representatives.
- 3 Has Yearly Meeting Assessment been paid?
- 4 Names of members of Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee.
- 5 Names of advisory members of Foreign Mission Board.
- 6 Name of Bible School Superintendent.
- 7 Name of Advisory member of Evangelistic Church Extension Board.
- 8 Was collection taken for Committees of Five Years' Meeting as ordered?
- 9 Any changes in meetings?
- 10 Report on the state of the church. This last should be on separate sheets from the other minutes, but the same paper.



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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
 Women Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 5th - 1874.

By
 accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings,
 it appears the representatives are, from Rhode
 Island, Cynthia Bowen & Elisabeth H. Potter —
 from Swansea, Phebe S. Anthony, Rachel P. Chace
 & Esther Chace — from Greenwich, Lydia W. Peck,
 & Cynthia J. Earle — from Providence, Ellen L.
 Congdon, Sarah H. Tobey & Celinda Metcalf — from
 South Kingstown, Harriet D. Collins & Anna A. Gould
 — who, being called, are all present.

The committee
 appointed to bring forward names for Clerks, report
 in favor of reappointing the former Clerk, who desiring
 to be released — the meeting concludes to appoint
 Anna J. Dennis for Clerk, and Cynthia J. Earle for
 assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Our beloved
 friend Eli Jones is in attendance of this meeting, with
 a minute from China Monthly Meeting, expressing
 unity with him in his present religious engagement.
 Also, our beloved friend William O. Newhall with a
 minute of unity ^{from Salem} Monthly Meeting. Their company
 and religious services are acceptable to us.

The queries
 have been read in this meeting, with answers to the
 first, second & tenth, from each of our Monthly
 Meetings.

We unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Margaret^A Anthony to the Station of Elder.

A transcript of an Epistle from our sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read.

X

The business of the Meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Greenwich, at the usual time, if permitted.

Anna V. Dennis Clerk.

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Mary D. Collins departed this life 7th Mo. 9th - 1873 in the 63rd year of her age - a member and Elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Women Friends, held at Greenwich 5th mo. 7th - 1874.

By
accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings
the representatives are, from Rhode Island, Minis G. M.
Macomber, Susan Mott & Hannah Dame -
from Greenwich, Rebecca Potter & Rhoda H. Buffinton
- from Swansea, Rachel P. Chace, Phoebe T. Anthony
& Maria Buffinton - from Providence Sarah H. Reynolds
Ellen L. Congdon & Sarah H. Tobey - from South-
Kingston, Dorcas G. Babcock & Sarah A. Perry, who,
being called, are all present except one.

The queries
have been read, with answers thereto, from each of
our Monthly Meetings, and a summary prepared
therefrom, which with an account signed by the
clerk, we forward to the Yearly Meeting, by our
friends - Elizabeth Meader, Ellen L. Congdon,
Sarah H. Tobey, Annabella E. Winn, Esther Chace,
Gertrude W. Cartland, Cynthia J. Earle, Phoebe T.
Anthony, Sarah Glade, Anna A. Gould, Hannah Dame
Mary A. Smith, Sarah A. Perry & Anna J. Dennis, whom
we appoint representatives.

With the concurrence of
the men's Meeting, we have united with South-
Kingston Monthly Meeting, in the appointment
of Ruth A. Collins to the station of Elder.

We unite with
men Friends in acknowledging the gift, & approving

the ministry of Thomas B. Buffum - also in the appointment of George Bowen to the Station of Elder.

We have received from South Hingston Monthly Meeting the following proposition - viz.,
"Our Monthly Meeting, held at Westport, 12th mo. 24th - 1873 - approved the gift & public appearances in the ministry of Harriet D. Collins, wife of Edward W. Collins - having the full unity of men Friends therein - which notice we forward to the Quarterly Meeting - which has been weightily considered & deferred till our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Samuel Pifford is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting - also, our beloved friend William Macomber, with a minute of concurrence from Westport Monthly Meeting. Their company and religious services have been acceptable
X to us.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport, in the Eighth Month, if permitted

Anna T. Dennis - Clerk.

X Ruth Chace a member and Elder of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting - died 1st Month 30th - 1874, aged 73 years, 7 months and 5 days.

At Rhode Island Convention meeting of the
year 1840, the following persons were present.

Received from our devoted members, the
following names from Rhode Island, viz. Mrs.
Solter & Annabella E. Rhine from Providence;
Antonia J. Burr & Eliza S. Arnold from
Sarah Hutchinson, Miss E. Lippard & Esther from
Providence, Anne S. Lewis, from
John W. Beckham from South Providence.

The representations to the
General Convention have
been made, with reference to the first, second, third,
fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth,
eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth,
seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first,
twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth,
twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth,
thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth,
thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth,
thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third,
forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth,
forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third,
fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth,
fifty-ninth, sixtieth, sixty-first, sixty-second, sixty-third,
sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth,
sixty-ninth, seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second, seventy-third,
seventy-fourth, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh,
seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-first, eighty-second,
eighty-third, eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth, eighty-seventh,
eighty-eighth, eighty-ninth, ninetieth, ninety-first, ninety-second,
ninety-third, ninety-fourth, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh,
ninety-eighth, ninety-ninth, one hundredth.

I am
a member of the Rhode Island Convention, and have been
with me since the first meeting, and have been
in the Convention, with a number of other members
from Providence, and have been in the Convention
of Providence.

Dear Friend & Mr. Thoreau, I am pleased
to hear of your return, with a new
book, and a new edition of the
one we discussed with us, and the

an account of it is interesting.

It seems to me
not only on the subject of the
book, but also on the subject, viz.

"The whole of the world is a
single family,"

it is a point of view, and one

has been offered, that we might be a
"people" of the world.

I have, out of the world, 1874

which is a
meeting, and the same committee

All Church Land Society, the 1st of
November held at the First Church, Boston.

On account of several persons being
absent, the representatives are fewer than
before. B. M. Allen, Secy & Treas. H. Chase, from Second
Church, from the Unitarian Meeting, from Trinity,

from St. John's, others from the Unitarian
from West Kingston, including those
from the Society, who, being called,
were present.

The services have been read, and
to the first, second and third, from

Our beloved Lord, Thomas, the
minister, in attendance of this meeting, with
minutes of our former meeting read.
A solemn and serious service
was given to us, and the work is
a touching service, prepared to men

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 behalf of this meeting.

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 ... no, then ...

"To our dear friends and
women friends,

we have given the subject of
the perfect solution, and we
will let the time pass, not we

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends, ^{at East Greenwich} held ^{the} Fifth Month 9th 1875.

By accounts
received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the
representatives are from Rhode Island Amabelle
E. Winn & Lydia H. Chace — from Greenwich,
Isidore Green and Rhoda H. Buffinton —
from Swansea, Abby C. Gifford, Rebecca G. H. G.,
and Esther Chace — from Providence, Louisa M. Mader,
Ellen H. Gifford and Isidore H. Gifford — from
South Kingdon, Dorcas E. Peabock & Harriet S. Collins,
who are all present.

The queries have been read with
answers thereto, from each of our Monthly Meetings,
and a summary prepared therefrom, which, with
with an account signed by the clerk, we forward
to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Amabelle E. Winn,
Elizabeth Mader, Esther Chace, Isidore Green,
Isidore H. Gifford, Dorcas E. Peabock, Dorcas
Hewkness, Anna S. Dennis, Harriet S. Collins,
Dorcas B. Robinson, Cynthia J. Earle and
Abby C. Gifford, whom we appoint representatives.

Our beloved friend Joseph Thoburn is
in attendance of this meeting, with a message
from Island Monthly Meeting, endorsed by
Huron Creek Quarterly Meeting, - Huron County
Ohio, expressing unity with him as a minister,
and with his present engagement. His labors
and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. - H. S.

our esteemed friend Emily S. Hickson, an Elder,
is accompanied to her husband Joseph Hickson,
with a minute from Pelham Monthly Meeting,
whose company has been very acceptable to us.
And the clerk is directed to sign returning
minutes for them, on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Willern, he then did
attend this meeting with a minute from Pelham
Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him
as a minister, and with his present engagements
his company in religious services is acceptable
and the clerk is authorized to sign a returning
minute that may be prepared by our friends.

Our beloved friend Sewell Cox is
a minister, is acceptably with us, with a minute
of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting
and the clerk is directed to sign a returning
minute prepared for him by Men Friends.

The following
report of the Committee on General Meetings
is received and accepted, viz.

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends.

Dear friends,

The Committee under
appointment from this Meeting, on General
Meetings, would report at this time the holding
of one Meeting only within our limits since
their appointment, and that at Fall River in
the 2nd Mo Last, under the care of the Yearly

Meetings Committee, several of whom were present.
 Several of the Lord's Devoted Servants, (not members
 of the Committee) were also present, who were enabled
 as faithful instruments in His hands to proclaim
 the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
 Christ. This meeting, altho' among the smallest
 which been held within the limits of the Yearly
 Meeting - yet we believe that the dear Master was
 willing to own it - as His and to crown it with His
 blessed presence. Many who had previously given
 in their names to serve the Lord in the way of His
 calling (not in Men's ships, with us), were made
 willing to acknowledge that they had been mistaken
 in mingling with those who were endeavoring to build
 up His blessed work in the earth. The all rejoice in
 the belief that souls were converted to the blessed truth
 as it is in Jesus; and even the dear lambs were enabled
 through the sanctifying influence of the love of our
 dear Lord and Saviour, to give in their names to serve
 and follow Him, who died for them and us, and
 to enlist under the glorious banner of the Lamb of
 God. And whilst much more might be said of
 the blessed influence exerted by the holding of this
 General Meeting, and of the little branch of the Lord's
 Militant Church in that place, which has been
 greatly comforted by the wonderful manner in
 which He who is Head over all rightly gathered
 assemblies, has in his goodness and mercy manifested
 Himself unto them. We only desire to return thanks
 unto the great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

and we hope this continued mission unto
the children of men - very true, and to be found
in this meeting document, doing this with in that
broad way in which may be placed to show himself
unto us.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph C. Macomber

Sarah Glade.

East Greenwich 4th month 1871."

The business of the
meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to
meet again at Newport in the Eighth Month,
if permitted

Anna C. Dennis - Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends,
held at Newport, 8th mo 5th - 1875.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are - from Rhode Island, Annabella C. Thinn & Helen Mott from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Carl - from Swansea, Anna V. Anthony & Rachel V. Chace - from Providence, Mary M. Gannett, Anna V. Gennis & Bertrude W. Eastland - from North Kingston Harriet D. Collins & Dorcas E. Babcock, who, being called, are present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting Report, they all attended except one.

The exercises have been read with interest to the first, second and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elisabeth Varney, is in attendance of this Meeting with a minute from West Lake Monthly Meeting, held at Wellington, Province of Ontario, enclosed by West Lake Four Months Meeting, held at Bloomfield, Province of Ontario, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her present religious engagement. Her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Elisabeth White, an Elder, is also acceptably with us, as companion to our friend Elisabeth Varney, with a minute of unity from West Lake Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Margaret A. Hathaway, a minister, attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Farmington Monthly Meeting, held at Macedon, endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John Carey, a minister, acceptably attended this Meeting, with a minute of concurrence from Brook Creek Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Bethel Quarterly Meeting - also our beloved friend Isaac Hunsley, accompanying our friend John Carey, with a minute of concurrence from Samoset Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

Our beloved friend Stephen Breed is in attendance of this Meeting, with a minute from Rocky Run Monthly Meeting, held at Coloma, Parke County, Ind., expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagement. His company and services have been acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Phoebe A. Breed, as companion to her husband, Stephen Breed, with a satisfactory minute from Rocky Run Monthly Meeting.

For all of whom the clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes.

Transcripts of Epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin & New York Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

Men Friends inform they have concurred in this meeting's judgment (2nd mo. last) in ~~reference~~^{reference} to the proposition from South Kingston Monthly meetings.

The business of the meeting being closed, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Fall River, at the usual time in the 11th mo, if permitted.

Anna V. Ferris - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends, held at Fall River, 11th Mo. 4th - 1875.

By accounts
received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the
represented are - from Rhode Island, Eliza Thayer,
and Marguerite Anthony - from Greenwich, Mary Clapp
from Providence, Robert H. Cook and Rebecca H. Mitchell
from Providence District, H. Ballland, Frank J. Hanson &
Ellen H. Buffum - from North Kingston, Ruth Ann
Collins, Daniel S. Collins & Anna H. Gould, who, being
called, are present except five, for the absence of three
of whom, a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries
have been read with answers to the first, second, and
fourth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved
friend Francis B. Sawyer, a minister, is in attendance
of this meeting, with a minute of concurrence from
New Bedford Monthly Meeting. His company and religious
services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend
Josiah Holmes Jr. attended this meeting with a minute
from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, expressing unity
with him as a minister, and with his present religious
engagement. His company and Gospel labor have been
acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our
esteemed friend Sarah A. Holmes, as companion to her
husband, Josiah Holmes Jr., with a satisfactory minute
from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend, Newell Coxie is acceptably in attendance of this meeting, with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagement. His Gospel Services have been acceptable.

The clerk is authorized to sign Returning Minutes for these on behalf of this Meeting.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, Hannah T. Reekham Houldah M. Beede & Ellen H. Duffum were appointed to propose names for that service, to our next meeting.

Under a solemn and precious covering of praise to our Heavenly Father, we conclude, proposing to meet again in second Month next, at Providence if permitted.

Anna T. Dennis - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence, Providence 3rd - 1845.

An account
received from each of our Monthly Meetings, the
representatives are - from Rhode Island, Mary W. Jones &
Mary Buffum - from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle,
Rhoda H. Buffum and Lydia A. Alexander - from Wrentham
Harriet A. Jones, Harriet A. Bliven and Catha Shaw -
from Providence, Elizabeth Menden, Elizabeth C. Lupton &
Thomas S. Robinson - from North Kingston Mary P.
Roberts and Harriet S. Collins, who, being called, are all
present except two - for the absence of one a sufficient
reason was assigned.

The Committee on Clerks report they are
not united in proposing names for that service which
is accepted, and the Meeting propose the reappointment
of Anne V. Dennis for Clerk, and Cynthia J. Earle, for
Assistant Clerk, therefore, for the ensuing year.

The queries
have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth
from each of our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved Friend
Abraham W. Ballard, a minister, attended this meeting, with
a copy of a minute of unity, from Passabasso's Monthly
Meeting, enclosed by Passabasso's Quarterly Meeting.

Our dear
Friend Mary W. Buffum, a minister, is also with us, with a
minute of concurrence from Widney Monthly Meeting
Their company & religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend, George Richardson is in attendance of this meeting, with a copy of a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement. His company and God's labor have been acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Sarah M. Richardson as companion to her husband, George Richardson, with a minute of unity from Sidney Monthly Meeting.

We have the acceptable company of our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols, with a minute from Versailles Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement. For all of whom the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes.

The business being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in the Fifth mo. at East Greenwich, if permitted.

Anna T. Dennis - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends, held at East Greenwich, the 4th of 6th mo. 45th 5.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly
Meetings, the representatives are - from Rhode Island,
Linn B. M. Macomber & Ruth Ann Boyd - from Greenwich
Lydia A. Macomber and Abella H. Buffinton - from
Providence Sarah E. Buffinton, Rebecca Anthony and
Etha Chase - from Providence, Susan B. Robinson, Thaddeus
H. Beebe and Mary M. Clegg - from North Kingstown,
Harriet S. Collins and Susan A. Perry, who, being
called, are all present except one, for whose absence
a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been
read with answers thereto, from each of our Monthly
Meetings, and a summary prepared therefrom, which
with this account we forward to the Yearly Meeting, by
our friends - Mary W. Jones, Elizabeth H. Potter, Susan
North, Lydia A. Macomber, Cynthia J. Clegg, Sarah
Hade, Sarah E. Buffinton, Etha Chase, Mary S. Smith,
Elizabeth Meader, Anna S. Dennis, Electa J. Collins,
Frank L. Collins, Sarah A. Perry, Ellen A. Buffum,
Susan B. Robinson and Gertrude W. Cartland, whom
we appoint representatives.

Our beloved friend,
Presbury Wing, a minister, is in attendance of this
Meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly
Meeting. His company and helpful labors have been
acceptable to us, and the clerk is authorized to sign
a returning minute, prepared by men Friends.

The report of the Committee on General Meetings has been read and accepted and is as follows, viz.

To The Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee on General Meetings would, report, that during the past year, there has been one General Meeting, at Hopkinton, which was very satisfactory. The blessing the Lord owned and blessed it. We would say, that Series of Meetings have been held at Newport and Fall River; these Meetings have in fact taken the place of General Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph E. Macomber

Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1875.

Isaac Slade

The business of the Meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again in the 8th mo. at Newport - if permitted.

Anna V. Gerrish - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends,
held at Newport - 8th month 3rd - 1876,

By accounts
received from our several Monthly Meetings, the
representatives are - from Rhode Island, Hannah Dame,
and Susan H. Almy - from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle,
and Rhoda H. Buffinton - from Swansea, Sarah Slade
and Rebecca Anthony - from Providence, Dorcas B. Robinson
Louisa A. Meader and Ellen R. Buffum - from South-
Kingston, Electa Jane Collins and Harriet D. Collins, who
being called, are present except one.

The representatives to
the Yearly Meeting report - they all attended.

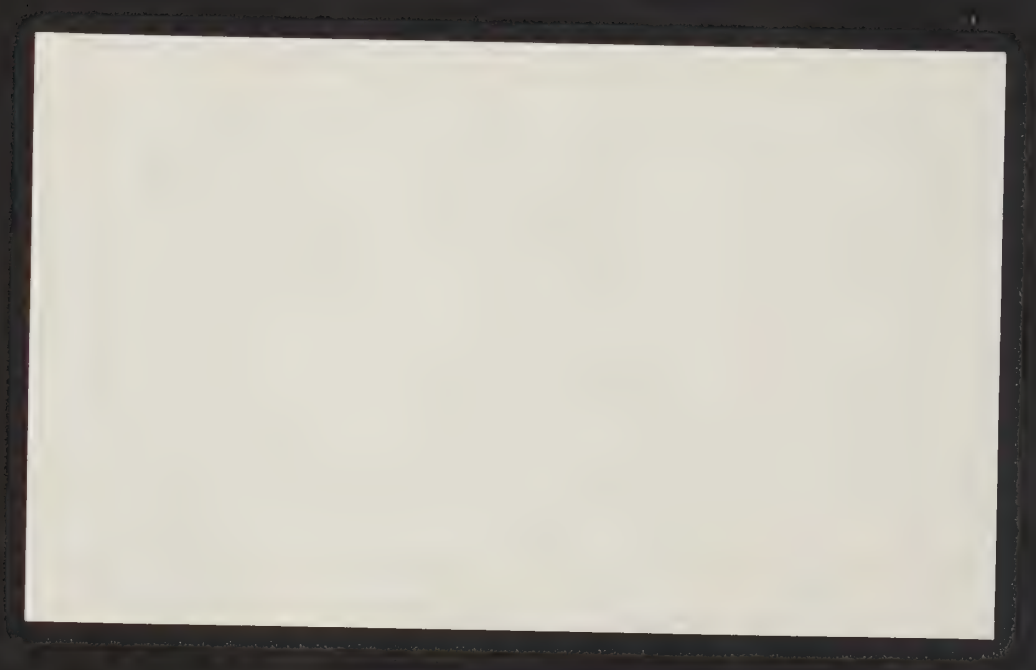
The queries have
been read, with answers to the first, second & tenth,
from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend
Stanley Pumphrey, a minister of the Gospel, is in
attendance of this Meeting, with a certificate of unity, from
Thames Valley and Thropshire Monthly Meeting, England,
endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting, held at Worcester
the 21st of 4th Month, 1875. - He also presented a certificate
from the meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London
the 17th, 18th and 29th of 5th Month - 1875, expressing
unity with him in his present religious engagement.
His com'rary and Gospel labors have been very acceptable
to us.

The business of the Meeting being closed, we adjourn to meet
again in the 11th mo., at Fall River, if permitted.

Anna J. Dennis - Clerk.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at
Fall River, 11th mo 2nd - 1846.

By accounts received from our
several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are - from
Rhode Island, Susan Woot, and Maryaret, Anthony - from
Greenwich Cynthia J. Earle and Gulielma Freeborn - from
Swansey Maria Buffinton, Phebe T. Anthony and Eliza Ann
Sisson - from Providence Celinda Metcalf, Dorcas B. Robinson
and Anna T. Dennis - from North Kingston, Ruth Ann Collins
and Sarah A. Perry - who, being called, are present except one,
for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The queries have
been read, with answers to the first, second and tenth, from
each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have, in concurrence of the
men's meeting, united with Providence Monthly Meeting, in
the appointment of Thomas Harkness to the Station of Elder.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were
appointed, Esther Chace, Dorcas B. Robinson, Phebe T. Anthony
and Mary A. Smith are appointed to confer with some
Friends for the service, and report to our next meeting.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished, we
conclude, purposing to meet again, at the usual time, in
the second month, at Providence, if permitted.

Anna T. Dennis Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence, 2nd Mo. 1st - 1877.

By accounts received
from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives
are — from Rhode Island, Margaret Anthon and
Eliza A. Goud — from Greenwich, Rhoda H. Buffinton
and Gulielma Anborn — from Swansea, Abby E.
Gifford and Esther Chace — from Providence, Huldah
M. Beebe, Rebecca H. Smiley and Anna T. Dennis —
from South Kingstown, Anna A. Goud and Electa
Jane Collins, who, being called, are present except
one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was
assigned.

The Committee on Clerks propose the
reappointment of Anna T. Dennis for clerk, and
Cynthia J. Earle for assistant clerk, which, meeting
the approval of the Meeting, they are appointed to
that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been
read, with answers to the first, second and tenth, from
each of our Monthly Meetings.

The London printed Epistle
of 1876, has been acceptably read.

With the concurrence of
the men's Meeting, we have united with South Kingstown
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Abel F. Collins
and Electa Jane Collins, to the Station of Elders.

Barnabas C. Hobbs
a minister, is in attendance of this Meeting. He presented
a certificate of unity from Bloomingdale Monthly Meeting

held 2nd month 1st, 1876 - endorsed by Bloomingdale
Quarterly Meeting, held 2nd mo. 19th 1876. His company and
religious services have been acceptable.

We have received a minute
of concurrence, from China Monthly Meeting, held at China
5th mo 17th, - 1876 - on behalf of J. W. Jacob, a minister,
leaving him at liberty to perform such religious service, as
he may feel called to. And the clerk is authorized to sign
returning minutes, prepared by men Friends.

Having transacted the
business that has come before us, we conclude, proposing
to meet again in the Fifth month, at Greenwich, if permitted.

Anna I. Dennis - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich, the 3rd of 5th Mo. - 1877,

By accounts received from
our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are
— from Rhode Island, Elisabeth H. Potter and
Margaret Anthony — from Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle
Lydia Tidson and Mary E. Henson — from Swansea,
Rachel P. Chace, Rebecca Anthony and Sarah E. Buffum
— Providence, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ellen H. Buffum &
Elisabeth Meader — from South Kingstown, Dorcas S.
Babcock and Ruth Ann Collins, who were all present.

The queries have been read with their
respective answers, from each of our Monthly Meetings,
and a summary prepared therefrom, which, with an
account signed by the clerk, we forwarded to the Yearly
Meeting by our friends Dorcas B. Robinson, Rebecca H.
Smiley, Elisabeth Meader, Mary A. Smith, Esther Chace
Margaret Anthony, Rebecca Anthony, Hermit D. Collins
Mary W. Jones, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna T. Dennis
Ellen H. Buffum, Sarah T. Tobey and Huldah M. Beede
whom we appoint representatives

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite
a minister from Great Britain, attended this Meeting
and produced a certificate from the Monthly Meeting
Holm, held the 16th of 3rd month, 1876 — endorsed
by the Quarterly Meeting for Cumberland and
Northumberland, the 30th of 3rd mo. 1876. Also a certificate
from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in
London, by adjournments, on the 22nd of 5th month

and 3rd of 6th mo., 1876 - in which unity and sympathy were expressed with her in the prospect of religious labor in this land; her company and religious services have been very acceptable and strengthening to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, Anna Potts, as communion to our friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a minute of unity from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, for the Western District, held 4th mo 25th 1877.

Our dear friend Charlotte D. Holmes, attended this meeting, with a minute of unity from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, held 4th mo 26 1877. Her company and religious services have been accepted.

Our beloved friend Josiah Holmes Jr. attended this meeting in pursuance of a service in the love of the Gospel, commenced last year, with a minute of unity from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 10th mo. 26th, 1876. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

For all of whom, the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elisabeth H. Potter to the Station of Elder. That meeting informs that Anna Mott, an Elder, died 6th mo. 17th - 1875, aged 78 years, 11 months and 12 days. -- Also, that Hannah Dame deceased 4th mo 3rd 1877, aged 72 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting inform that Deborah Howland died 5th mo. 27th 1876, aged 81 years.

We have united with a very interesting and just Memorial of our late beloved friends Perez and Joanna Peck, issued by Greenwich Monthly Meeting where they were members and valued Elders.

The business of the Meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 8th mo. at Newport, if Permitted.

Anna S. Dennis Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport, 8th mo. 2nd - 1877,

By accounts received from
our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives from
Rhode Island are Firis S. M. Macomber and Ruth Ann Boye -
from Greenwich, Guililma Neuborn, Lydia A. Macomber, and
Cynthia J. Earle - from Swansea, Mary C. Chase and Ruth
A. Weaver - from Providence, Elisabeth Meader, Anna J. Dennis
Ellen H. Buffum and Abby E. King. from South Kingston
Electa Jane Collins & Mary Ann Gault, who, being called,
are present except one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report they all attended
except 2, for whose absence, a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the
first, second & tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received through the men's Meeting a copy of the following
minute, from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, viz.,

"The Committee under appointment last year on General
Meetings, was continued for further service the ensuing year,
as may may open. And our Quarterly Meetings we hereby request
to appoint Committees to cooperate with the above Committee
as heretofore. - As the Quarterly Meeting's Committee of last
year, has not reported, as is usual, at this time, we defer
acting upon the subject, till our next Quarter.

Having closed the business
that has come before us, we conclude, purposing to meet
again in the Eleventh mo., at Fall River, if permitted.

Anna J. Dennis - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Fall River, 11th mo 1st - 1877.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are - from Rhode Island Ruth Ann Boyd and Margaret Anthony - from Greenwich Sylvia A. Macomber and Gulielma Freborn from Swansea, Mary C. Chace, Maria Earle and Rachel P. Chace - from Providence, Huldah M. Beede, Sarah F. Tobey and Louisa N. Meader - from South Hingham Anna A. Gould and Harriet D. Collins, who, being called are all present.

The queries have been read, with answers to the first, second and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

A Committee under appointment, report that there has been no "General Meeting" held the past year, and propose the Committee be released, which is accepted and united with by the Meeting - and we accordingly appoint Cynthia Bowen, Mary Buffum, Cynthia J. Earle, Rhoda H. Buffinton, Esther Chace, Rebecca Anthony, Sarah F. Tobey, Adeneth Tetlow, Sarah A. Perry & Ruth Ann Collins a Committee to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's Committee, as heretofore, for the ensuing year.

With the concurrence of the men's meeting, we have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward Buffinton & Rhoda H. Buffinton, (his wife) to the Station of Elders.

Also with Quarterly Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Samuel R Buffinton, to the same Station.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the subject has been fully considered, and the Meeting decides to refer the appointment of clerks to the representatives, who may be appointed to attend our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business being closed, we conclude, in posing to meet again in the 2nd month, at Providence if permitted.

Anna T. Dennis Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends, held at Providence, the 7th Jan. No. 1875.

By accounts received from our several
Monthly Meetings, the representatives are
from Rhode Island, Rachel Anthony, Ellen H. Smith
and Susan H. Smith, from Warwick, Esther M. Smith
and Elizabeth P. Puffer from Pawtucket, Rebecca
Johnson, Rebecca Johnson and Robert C. Green
from Providence, Elizabeth H. Smith from
Narragansett, Mary Ann Smith & Ellen H. Puffer
from South Kingstown, Electa J. Collins and
Susan E. D. Smith, who, being called, are all
present.

The representatives in from the West
and conferred together, and were united in
proposing the reappointment of Anna T. Lennis
a Clerk, and the appointment of Susan H. Smith
a Steward, which being considered, approved
and they are accordingly appointed to those
services, for the ensuing year.

The previous have been read with answers
to the first, second & tenth, from our several Monthly
Meetings.

Our dear friend Sarah H. Goddard, a
minister, is present, with a message of con-
currence from Fall River Monthly Meeting, held
the 10th of 18th Nov. 1874. The company and
services have been acceptable.

We have the company of our dear friend
George C. Dillingham, a minister, with a minute of
of Unity from Wineshick Monthly Meeting of
Quakers, Iowa - held the 21st of 1st month, 1841,
conducted by this meeting. I am sure that his
company will be most acceptable to all.

Also the acceptable company of George
C. Dillingham, as a member of our church,
George C. Dillingham, with a minute of unity
from Wineshick Monthly Meeting.

Our dear friend Charles H. Jones a
minister, is in attendance of this meeting, with
a minute of unity from Tbeare Monthly Meeting.
The business of the meeting will have been
and the church is united to the following business
and the church is united to the following business.

With the concurrence of the Men's Mtg.
we have united with Swansey Monthly Meeting,
acknowledging the gift, and approving the public
statements in the Minutes of the same.

The business of the meeting being
accomplished, we conclude, and adjourn to meet
again on the 1st of 2nd month, at the same place, as usual.

Amia J. Dennis, Clerk.

At the 10th Annual Meeting of the
Board, held at Norwich, Sept. 10th, 1878,

By accounts received from our several
Monthly Meetings, the representatives are -
from Rhode Island, Ruth Anne Boyd & Cynthia Boardman
from Greenwich, Lydia W. Peck & Rhoda H. Buffinton
from Providence, Hannah T. Peckham, Sarah H. Tobey, Huldah M. Beede and
Louisa A. Meader - from South Kingston
Hannah T. Peckham and Rhoda H. Buffinton, who
being called, are all present.

The queries have been read, with answers
read, from each of our monthly Meetings, a
summarizing which we have, with an account
given by the clerk, our next quarterly Meeting, by
our friends, Sarah H. Tobey, Dorcas B. Robinson,
Esther Chace, Gulielma Neuborn, Anna S. Dennis
Louisa A. Meader, Hannah T. Peckham, Huldah
M. Beede, Cynthia J. Earle, Rebecca Anthony,
with Ann Collins, from South Kingston, Mary H. Jones
Susan R. Lippum and Abby Burgess, - whom we
appoint representatives.

We are informed that Elisabeth Peckham,
a member and minister of South Kingston
Monthly Meeting, deceased, 3rd Mo. 1st, 1878,
in the 86th year of her age.

We have united with the same Society,
 relating to South Kingston Monthly Meeting, their
 request to establish a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
 and Elders, within the limits of that Monthly Meeting,
 to be held on Seventh-day, previous to the holding of
 the Monthly Meetings, at Providence in the 10th & 11th
 Months, and at Hopkinton in the 10th & 11th Months,
 at 2 O'clock in the afternoon.

The Committee have also agreed that
 a meeting shall be held again in the 8th mo, at Hopkinton.

Anna J. Dennis, Clerk.

At the same time, we have been informed
 that, because of the small quantity
 of the same, it is not possible to
 send it to the other side, and as the
 quantity has not yet come for us to move it, it is
 therefore deferred.

We conclude proposing to
 again in the Eleventh month, at Hall River,
 if the weather is favorable.

Yours very truly,
 J. W. Brown

At the Annual Conference Meeting of Women
Friends, held at Fall River, Eleventh, m. 7th, 1853,

By accounts received from one several
Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, from
Andover, Mass., Margaret W. Chapman, Ruth Anne
Baker and Mrs. H. Briggs - from Lenox, Mass.,
"Frederica" - from the Lenox Friends, from
Lenox, Rachel H. Chase, and from the Lenox
Friends, from Lenox, from Lenox, from Lenox,
from South Hingham, Susan H. Collins and Mary A. Gault, who, being called
on, consent, except five, for the absence of three
of whom, satisfactory reasons were given.

The series have been held with various
in the first, second, third, from each of our
several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Mary Hoag, a
minister, is in attendance at this Meeting, with
a minute of unity from the Lenox Monthly
Meeting - her company in religious services
have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Susan C. Compton, is
also in attendance, and her union with our friend Susan
Hew, with a minute of unity from the Lenox
Monthly Meeting, her company is acceptable to us,
and the Clerk is directed to sign returns in minute,
for both, on behalf of this Meeting.

MISSIONS AND THIER DEFENSE.

"I am a soldier of Christ; therefore, I can not fight."—Martin to Julian 300 years after Christ.

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers an important and interesting letter from the Rev. Titus Coan, a veteran missionary from the United States to the Pacific Islands, addressed to Mr. Louis Street, also an American, a missionary of the Society of Friends, laboring in Madagascar. It is one of the most valuable testimonies which has ever been published, as showing reference to the reality of God's protection over those that trust in him—a protection incomparably stronger and safer than that of weapons of war.

Mr. Coan's letter was forwarded to us by Mrs. Katherine Charlerton, of Bristol, with the following note respecting Mr. Coan :

"The Rev. Titus Coan, the writer of the accompanying letter, has been, for many years, a missionary in the Sandwich Islands.

"When a young man, at college, the American Mission Board had under consideration the subject of a visit of inquiry to Patagonia, about the year 1825. It was brought before the various colleges; and each student in one of these was requested to retire to his own room for prayer and guidance, as to whether he was required to go. Titus Coan arose from prayer convinced that he must offer himself for the service; and another young man felt prepared to accompany him. Having heard of the savage character of the Patagonians, the friends of the two young men desired that they should be supplied with weapons of defense, but Titus Coan had a strong belief that all these, even his pocket knife, must be discarded.

"On nearing the Patagonian shore, the captain of the vessel in which these devoted followers of the Prince of Peace sailed, said that, as the natives were so savage and untrustworthy, he could

not allow his crew to land; and he could only put T. C. and his companion on the beach, in the little boat, with their goods, and, that if they lighted a fire, the natives would come in sight. It was a very lonely position for the two young missionaries—but the natives were soon seen lining the brow of the neighboring hill. They came near, and sought to satisfy themselves that the strangers were entirely unarmed—by examining every part of their dress, and even taking off their stockings and turning their pockets—but, finding nothing, they expressed their friendly regard by taking their new friends in their arms, and receiving them into their tribe, as related in T. C.'s letter to Louis Street."

LETTER FROM TITUS COAN TO LOUIS STREET.

Hilo, Hawaii, Sept. 5, 1873.

"MY DEAR BROTHER: You ask for a sketch of my missionary experience in Patagonia and the Hawaiian Islands. My sketch must be quite brief, and, perhaps, unsatisfactory.

"In company with one companion I visited some of the clans in Eastern and Southern Patagonia, in 1833, under the patronage of the American Board of Foreign Missions. We landed in the Straits of Magellan. We searched two days for inhabitants, and, on finding a wild clan of roaming savages, threw ourselves at once, unarmed, into their hands for sustenance and protection. They received us kindly, gave us horses to ride on, and we traveled with them about three months, east, west, and north, visiting their camps and hunting grounds, and falling in with several other clans. In this way we saw nearly all the savages of the Eastern Patagonian Pampas. The tribes are wild, and in the wildest state of savagism, living wholly by the chase, and roaming with their women and children most of the time, carrying their skin tents and their all with them.

"Our mission among them was to explore and report, not to remain permanently, unless, after due consideration of facts, our Board should determine to establish a mission in the country.

"At that time, no one but themselves knew the Patagonian language, and we had no interpreter; all our communications to the natives were through signs. Some of our friends advised us to go armed into Patagonia. We said, 'No; our weakness is our

strength; our apparent unprotectedness our shield.' And so it was. The savages saw we were defenseless and harmless, and our God made them our protectors. They were not jealous or afraid of us, and we left them unscathed, under the wing of our Immanuel.

"The Dyocks killed Murser and Lyman with their own rifles. After we left Patagonia seven armed missionaries were starved to death on Terra del Fuego, because they feared to go with the natives, and the natives feared them. At a later date, eight missionaries were slaughtered, at one time, by the same savages; and I am told that these were armed, not, of course, with hostile designs, but with the view of self-protection and to procure game.

"The foregoing are a few of the many facts connected with our Patagonian expedition in 1833.

"You are aware that a band of English missionaries have since made considerable impression upon the Patagonians by establishing a school, and other means.

"With the history of Christianity in the Hawaiian Islands, you are, doubtless, acquainted. The mission has been a peaceful one, not, however, without more or less 'strife of tongues,' and much bitter opposition on the part of lawless foreigners, residents, and visitors. There have been times when some of the older missionaries have 'endured the contradiction of sinners,' and when they have been in peril by English, French, and American visitors. But, their feelings have been *forbearance*, and their counsel, to the chiefs and people, *peace*. Our churches we regard as peace societies, temperance societies, missionary societies, Bible societies, etc. Within these organizations we endeavor to train the converts to every good work.

"When the French, at three several times, threatened the independence of the nation, some rash counselors advised fighting. But the king and the council sent proclamations over the group, calling on churches and missionaries to pray for deliverance, and help came from God alone. So, when the English Lord, George Paulett, took the islands with a small frigate, there was no smell of powder, not a sword drawn, not a gun fired. The invader was sole monarch of the realm, doing his whole pleasure for five months. The British flag floated triumphantly over our custom-houses, our forts, and our ports of entry. The king, and all the rulers of the land sat, as it were, in sackcloth and ashes; mean-

while the missionaries, and all the pious throughout the land, were praying, night and day, to God for help. And help came from him who made heaven and earth. The British flag came down, the royal Hawaiian signal went up. Our nation shouted jubilee, and breathed again the fresh air of liberty, while the English Lord retired with his stifled thunders, and he has never again been seen on our coast. God has been round about us as a 'wall of fire.' Our forts have all been demolished, their material utilized, and our war vessels have been converted into commercial uses. The nation has now only one small battery, for saluting, on top of an old crater behind Honolulu. Such are some of the facts of our Peace record. We trust that our people '*will learn war no more.*' More than sixty churches, including a few English-speaking congregations, have been organized in this group; about 70,000 communicants have been gathered; all the children, from five to sixteen years old, are in school, and we have high schools, select and boardingschools, etc. We have five island evangelical associations, one general association, and Hawaiian missionary board, whose receipts for the past year were \$34,000; and we have missions in the Marquesas, the Gilbert, and the Marshall Archipelagoes, with more than a thousand converts. To the church, more than thirty years under my care, have been gathered,

By profession of faith.....	12,020
By letter.....	776
Children baptized.....	4,302

"Excuse this hasty and imperfect sketch. I shall be gratified to hear from you again, on any subject of interest to you.

"In Christian love, your friend and brother, TITUS COAN."

—*London Herald of Peace.*

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An interesting Epistle from the last Meeting, also a transcript of an Epistle from one sister in Dublin, have been acceptably read.

We conclude, purposing to meet again in the same place, at Providence, if permitted.

Anna D. Harris, Clerk.

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Annual Convention Meeting of the Friends
 East Greenwich 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

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 and a summary prepared thereon which
 will be read and signed by the clerk at the
 meeting by the friends Lewis H. Young
 & Dennis Woodard H. Burt. From East Greenwich
 1801 to 1810 there 1811 to 1820 there
 1821 to 1830 there 1831 to 1840 there
 1841 to 1850 there 1851 to 1860 there
 1861 to 1870 there 1871 to 1880 there
 1881 to 1890 there 1891 to 1900 there

The business being finished
 the meeting adjourned to the 11th inst.
 Report of the Lord present

Esther Chase Clerk

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At School House & Temperance meeting of Women & children
held at Fall River 11th Nov 1840

At several Monthly Meetings, the responsibilities are given
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sea & shore & have been in various parts of the
State. Providence Martha & my friends collected and
a Dennis & other friends collected & collected. In
all things who being called are present & yet some
of the things which have been given

to the
each of the Monthly Meetings.

The Treasurer's report
Ep. read at this time, it was interesting
ment, and the meeting has been very much interested in
voluntary concern that we as branches of the living time,
each be given to the Lord as far as the Lord will, and
has called us to be pure and holy and to be in his service.

The time having expired for which the clerk was appointed,
the representatives to the next Quarter are requested to
oppose names of some friends for that service.

Having been called
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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Very respectfully,
J. B. Smith

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,

12th June 1882

~~At~~ Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Fall River 11th Mo 20 1882

By accounts received from each
of our monthly meetings, the representatives are from Rhode
Island Mary Alice Gifford and Fannie L. M. Macomber
East Greenwich Lydia A. Macomber and Lydia Foster
Swansea Sarah Wade and Abby C. Gifford Providence
Ellen E. Buffum and Elizabeth A. Gifford South Kingstown
Elizabeth A. Perry, Harriette J. Collins and Emma A. Gould.
Present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason
has been given.

The queries with the required answers from the
several monthly meetings have been read at this time.

We have received a communication
from Rhode Island monthly meeting, informing us that they
appointed William W. and Mary W. as members.

of the Ministry & Oversight which has the
approval of this and many Meetings.

Our beloved friend Caroline C. Felt is a minister,
is with us at this time, with a Minute of unity from Short
Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends held 25th 18th 1882
which 1st and 6th 1882 endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly
Meeting. Her company and gospel labors have been very
grateful to us. The Clerk is authorized to present her
with a copy of this Minute.

Our beloved friend Isaac Sharp an accredited Minister
of the Society of Friends, is in attendance of this Meeting,
with a disputation & testimonials from the Monthly Meeting
of Friends held in Owerlington England, endorsed by
Durham Quarterly Meeting, expressing deep sympathy
and unity with him, in his ~~expected~~ extensive religious
service, and also from the Meeting on Ministers and
Oversight held in London by adjournment from 21st
and 22^d of 5th month to 1st of 6th month 1879.

His company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable
to us, and our hearts are filled with gratitude to our
valiantly suffering for meeting his dear and friend among
us to preach the glad tidings of the gospel, and may
we treasure up the precious words that have fallen from
his lips.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend
Joel Beaman a Minister of the gospel. with a Minute from
the Monthly Meeting of Friends Burlington, held
at the same expressing full unity and sympathy with him

in the weighty service before him as companion and fellow laborer with our dear friend Isaac Sharp. His respectful services have been very satisfactory to us.

The clerk is directed to sign returning minutes for both of these dear friends.

Our friends inform they have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the mid week meeting for worship, to which this Meeting unites.

The London General Epistle has been received.

Having transacted the business in love and harmony we conclude preparing to wait in prayer for the Providence of the Lord present.

Esther Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women's Mission held at Providence 2nd Mo 1st 1883

By accounts received from the monthly meetings it appears the representatives in favor of Rhode Island Convention are Mary A. Dufford East Greenwich Julia Anna Greenborn and Abner Merrill Pawtucket Esther Chase Patience Buffington and Ruth A. Weaver Providence Rebecca Stearns and Louisa K. Mather South Kingstown Mary P. Babcock and Harriette L. Collins Present except one.

The representatives report they are united in proposing Esther Chase for clerk and Phoebe S. Byrd for

we assist and work with which this meeting unites, and they
are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing
year.

Our new friends, those of Davis from Southbrook, and Thomas
P. Barlow from Wiscasset are in attendance of this meeting,
presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective monthly
meetings. Their song and gospel labors have been truly
acceptable to us. We have also the acceptable company
of our old Davis companion to his wife Mary J Davis.
The clerk is authorized to present these new friends with
welcoming certificates.

Information has been received from Swansea
Monthly Meeting that they have appointed the following
friends members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
namely: Benjamin H. Chase, Richard P. Chase, Maria C. Cha-
terbert, J. Skinner, Robert J. Hyatt, Robert C. Hyatt, J. Newton
and Bartholomew Underwood, with which this meeting
unites.

South Kingsdown Monthly Meeting informs us here
with the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the appoint-
ment of George J. Gould and Anne J. Gould to the
Station of Elders, also of the appointment of Mary J
Collins and Elizabeth W. Perry members of said Meeting.
Greenwich Monthly Meeting has appointed Charles
J. Kenyon and Mary Clapp to the Station of Elders,
all of which meets the approval of this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Henry C. Aydelott returned at this time a minute granted him in 6th month last in regard to some service within the limits of Indiana yearly there with the information that he had accomplished his duty to the peace and comfort of his own mind. He also presented a returning minute from Indiana Yearly Meeting, which together with his account was satisfactory to us.

Having accomplished the business coming before us at this time in much time and harmony we conclude purposing to meet in 5th and next at East Greenwich if the Lord permit.

Edwin Rhine Clark

At Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 3d 1895

By accounts from each of our Yearly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island Ruth Ann Boyd and Cora Ann Williams, Massachusetts Mary E. Kenyon and Annie Merrill, Swansea, Edwin Rhine Clark, Eliza Ann Sisson and P. H. Aydelott, Providence, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Ellen H. Buffum and Elizabeth A. Thorne, South Kingstown, Dorcas G. Babcock and Harriette A. Collins. Absent except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The queries have been read with answers from each of our Yearly Meetings and a summary prepared which has been duly approved.

of this meeting and the clerk is directed to forward
the same to the yearly meeting together with other
information to our friends Mildred M. Beale
Charlotte D. Evans, Helen F. Byrd, Lett Ellen H. Bluff, Anne
Cynthia & Charles Harriette O. Collins, Mary E. Engdon
Esther, Abner and Rachel Muthour who are our
representatives.

This meeting united with South Kingston
monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and appo-
-inting the public appearance in the Ministry of
Ezekiel Collins with Providence Monthly Meeting
in the appointment of Sarah & Skinner and Elizabeth
F. Moulton to the Station of Elders, also with Providence
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Richard
P. Macomber Sarah & Macomber and Sarah &
Cuffington members of the meeting on Ministry
and Oversight, and with Greenwich Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Mary E. Engdon a
member of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight
with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appoint-
-ment of Thomas W. Batty Daniel Moulton Ellen
H. Bluff and Louisa F. Moulton members of
the aforesaid meeting.

We have received the London General
Epistle, Epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings
together with the minutes of our own meeting
and the report of the Boarding School Committee.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting inform they
are united in changing the place of holding the
meeting on Cheshire and Oversight in the 4th and
5th Months from Peace Dale to Hopkinton.

With feelings of gratitude to our
Heavenly Father for the blessings this day received
from His loving hand, we conclude purposing
to meet in 8th mo next at Newport if the Lord
permit
Esther Chase Clark

At Peace Dale & Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport 5th month 2^d 1883

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings it
appears the representations in favor of the above named
Shubert & Wain and I believe Puffer and some with Grace
& Earle Lydia A Macomber and Gudilma Guelton Swansen
Sarah C. Burdison I believe I believe and some of our
Providence Colinda Metcalf and Elsie Chase South Kingston
Elsie Jane Collins and Harriet C. Collins. But at present no

The queries with answers to the 1st Q^{ry} and 10th from
each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We have with us at this time our dear friend
Sarah C. Harris a member, with a number from former Mon-
thly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton in Massachusetts
County Division whose company and gospel service has been
very acceptable to us. The friends alluded to the yearly
meeting about their attendance. Our beloved friend Elsie
Jane Collins a minister in unity with us laid before this meeting

the subject of the meeting to be held at the same place as before.

Resolved that Messrs. Henry & Company, Boston, and Messrs. E. S. Johnson and Son, New York, be appointed to join with a similar committee appointed by their friends, to have the care of the meetings for worship at our next meeting.

The time having expired for which the subject of this meeting was appointed, the subject is left to be appointed to the next meeting. The next meeting is requested to report to that time.

With the assurance of the best wishes from the friends of the cause, the meeting was adjourned. At this time, not having considered the business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet in 2 weeks at the same place as before.

Wm. W. W.

At the 11th monthly meeting of the Women's Society and
at the 12th of the same.

The representatives from the several monthly
meetings in from the 1st to the 11th of March and 1st of April
Brown, Quinlan, May, & Mayson and Susan M. Brown, Susan
Antonia Buffinton, Elizabeth A. Weston and Susan M. Buffinton
Prudence Webb, A. Buffinton, A. Weston and Susan M. Buffinton
John Kingston, May, W. Hancock and Susan M. Buffinton, who
being called are present except two.

The representatives having conferred
together inform they are united in proposing Esther Chase for
moderator and Charles F. Buffinton for assistant mod. which has been ap-
proved by the meeting they are appointed to that service for the
coming year.

The queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th of
each of the monthly meetings have been read at this time.

The meeting has united with the Women's Society
meeting in the appointment of Mary S. Buffinton and
Abigail S. Chase members of the Society, in the study
and Oversight men friends visiting them.

We have several dear
friends with us at this time without certificates, whose com-
pany and respect others have been much benefited by.

The point comes up whether
we should have the one of the meetings for work up on Sunday
of meeting day in connection with the conference of this and
next meeting. In the transaction of the business that has been before
us we have realized the help of one William G. Galloway and as
we conclude would would give his name for the piece that
has been selected towards us, proposing if it be his will to visit
again in March in 5th month next. Esther Chase Mod.

The 1st Annual Meeting of the Friends
 held at East Greenwich 5th Month 1884

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He has received the Letter General
Epistola. Epistles from the Sisters of the Society Meetings
the report of the Breveling School and the last letter

of our own family, including those who are interested to the children.

The following communication has been received from some sections viz

The subject of holding subordinate meetings of our unitarian friends in which sessions and also of united prayer meetings under the provision of the Synodical standing order is a question, it is now asked to ask the friends to consider and so with the whole subject in view the present of records of such meetings, that the present form of the unitarian conference being read in the first paragraph of the report included in page 4 of the Synodical standing order of the Synod, and page 10 for the united prayer meeting, which has been united with in this meeting.

Having transacted the business coming before us at the time we have now we are now preparing to meet in 1861 and will do so if the Lord permit.

Esther Chace Clerk

184 3rd Annual Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport 8th month 7th 1884

From accounts received from our several
Sister Meetings, it appears the representation was
from Boston, Salem, Essex, Portland, and of Sophia Rogers
Newwich, Cynthia, Anne and Anne Merrill, Lanes
Pitts, & the most welcome visitors were Miss Helen
Forsythe, Susan Parker and Abigail M. May
and the ladies of the Society and several of the
Society except those who were absent from the
meeting of 1883.

The representation to the yearly Meeting
uniform they all attended.

The friends with visitors to the 11th, 12th
and 10th have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Electa J. Collins
arrived in the city on the 11th of the month
to visit in the love of the gospel the Yearly Meetings of
New York, London, Boston, and friends and
the information that she had satisfactorily attended
to that service. She presented respectable testimony
minutes from the last Annual Meetings.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holms a
minister in Maine, which before this meeting a protest
that had been with her, to attend in the love of the
gospel, the approaching yearly meeting of Ohio and
also to such service as may be required of her in relation
to the same, within the limits of New York yearly meeting
as expressed in her minute from Providence Monthly

Meeting, which has been invited with the best of intentions
and the intention to attend to the same. We must have a list
of the whole of our friends to present the full copy of the
minutes.

The subject of the formation of the Women's Foreign
Missionary Society of New England, was presented
to the Meeting, by Phoebe S. Abbe, acting on behalf of the
Constitutional Committee Vice President who read and explained the
constitution of the Society, and by Letter read by the
President of the Meeting and the Committee. The subject was
then discussed by the Meeting. Upon consideration a
committee was appointed, consisting of Phoebe S. Abbe, Mrs.
John C. Thompson, Mrs. S. Abbe, and Mrs. S. Abbe. To receive
the printed instructions and advise the same to the members
of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and bring
them to the attention of the same. The committee was
appointed, and encouraged them to do so.

The business being finished we
conclude, proposing to meet in 11th Month next at Fall River
if the Lord permit.

Attest: Phoebe S. Abbe

387 Rhode Island District Meeting of Women Friends
held at Fall River 14th March 1882

By accounts received from each of the visiting
meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island
Margaret Wilson and Margaret Shuman from
Greenwich Guilma Greenough and Cyathia J. Beale
Providence Maria Beale Eliza Ann Lison and Sarah E. Briggs
Providence Elizabeth H. Lippard Ellen C. Dyer and
Elizabeth M. Beale from Fall River Maria P. Brooks
from Bristol St. Mary. Present except those for whom
accounts submitted - 20 persons in all.

The friends with interest to the 14th March
1882 from each of the monthly meetings have been sent
at this time.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes returned
the minute presented her in the month last for service
in this society meeting and on her return home with
satisfactory representation of her labors which is satisfying
acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Stephen Cartland
attended this meeting with his wife and children and from
Dorchester District Meeting of Friends held at Taunton
12th March, 6th 1882. His company and support which
have been acceptable to us, and to which it is
to sign a returning Minute prepared by our friends on
his behalf.

The London General Epistle has been received.
The business being accomplished in due and harmonious
concordance preparing to meet in 24 months in F. at
Providence if the Lord permit. Esther Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 2^d month 5th 1885

By accounts received from the several monthly meetings we are informed that the representatives are as follows - viz -

Rhode Island - Ellen Alice Lippard Annie O. Carr.
 Greenwich - Julia Anna Lee born Mary C. Lincoln
 Swansea - Rachel P. Chace, Sarah C. Skinner. Rebecca Smith
 Providence - Phila L. Lippard Ellen T. Duffern
 S. Kingston - Dorcas S. DeLoach and Elizabeth A. Perry
 who being called are present except two.

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings having conferred together, inform that they are united in proposing Phila S. Sydelott for Clerk which being united with, she is appointed to that service for the ensuing year. They also inform that they are not ready to propose the name of an assistant Clerk for the year, and would propose S. Caroline Tobey to serve in that capacity for the day, with which this meeting unites.

The queries with accompanying answers to the 1st, 2^d and 10th have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend, William D. Sewall, a Minister, attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory Minute from Salem Co. Meeting. His company and vocal labors have been cheering and acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning Minute prepared by men Friends.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting asks of this meeting the privilege of holding the four Monthly Meetings that are now held at Westport in the Twelfth, First, Second, and Third months, in future at Eastport owing to the poor condition of the house. He united with men Friends in granting that Monthly Meeting the privilege of making the change according to their request.

The Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting are requested to confer together on the subject of appointing an assistant Clerk for the year, and report to that meeting the name of some Person for that service.

The London General Epistle for 1854 has been read at this time and we are encouraged by its cheering words of solemn warning, loving exhortation, and tender comfort. A draft of a Petition has been received from the same meeting as follows: — "To the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence Fifth of Second Month 1855. This meeting is united in respectfully presenting our earnest petition that the Legislature at its present session take action in favor of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage." With which this meeting fully unite and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

We enter upon another year of service for Christ under an humble sense of our dependence upon Him, but acknowledging with grateful hearts that hitherto the Lord hath helped us!

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude, promising to meet at Greenwich in 5th month next if the Lord will.

Thos. S. Aydelott - Clerk.

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Greenwich
 4th month 7th 1855. Reports have been received from
 all the monthly meetings by which it appears that the following
 Friends have been appointed their representatives to the ensuing
 Rhode Island - Rachel Anthony, Johanna Sophia Chapman
 Greenwich - Cynthia J. Cule, Elizabeth James, Elizabeth Weston
 Swansea - Sarah E. Buffinton, Rebecca Anthony, John S. by letter
 Providence - Elizabeth A. Lippin, Belinda Merrill, Ellen L. Buffinton
 So Kingston - Lorenzo S. Debeock and Mary C. Collins
 The foregoing representatives being called were all present.

Cynthia J. Cule on behalf of the representatives, reports that they
 are united in proposing the name of S. Caroline Tiley for
 assistant Clerk with which this meeting unite, and she is
 accordingly appointed to that service for the remainder of the
 year.

The queries with answers from each of our
 monthly meetings have been read and a summary has been
 selected and adopted by the meeting describing our present con-
 dition which is forwarded to the next Yearly Meeting to be held
 in Portland, Maine, by our friends - Elizabeth M. Cule
 Sarah H. Tiley, Louisa A. Meader Rachel Anthony Adeline L.
 Cline, Harriet D. Collins, Electa J. Collins Ellen L. Buffinton
 Elizabeth S. Keefe and Julia A. Buffinton whom we appoint
 to attend that meeting as our representatives, and report.

We have received during the past year the London General Epistle,
 Christ's from our sister of other Yearly Meetings, The Boarding
 School Report, the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the
 printed slips containing the changes and additions to our book
 of Discipline and the Letter to the children all of which
 have been forwarded to our subordinate meetings for distribution.
 This meeting is united in directing the united monthly meetings

within our limits to send to this meeting answers to the queries separate from the main resources.

Our beloved friend Addison White a Minister, is in attendance of this meeting with satisfactory certificates from Lynn June Monthly Meeting and Lynn June Quarterly Meeting, Iowa. Also Olga C. White as companion to her husband Addison White.

Their company and joyful labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign returning Minutes for them on our behalf.

The statistical reports from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time and are as follows -

	Bapt.	Deaths	Members into	Members out	Admitted	Released or Discontinued	Grown in last year's Reports	One of Members	Total mem- bership 3 ^d Mo 1 st 1884 721
Rhode Island	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	141	
Newwich	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	63	
Swansea	0	1	1	1	7	0	0	210	
Providence	1	6	4	0	1	1	1	225	
N. Kingston	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	81	
Total Membership 3 ^d Mo 1 st 1885 =									719

which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting endorses the action of Swansea Monthly Meeting in appointing Oliver Coffin as a member of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that Cynthia Bowen a Minister and member of that meeting died 10th Mo 13th 1884 aged 69 years, and that William Herman an Elder died 2nd Mo 15th 1885 aged 68 years. Caroline Tobey Vice-president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for Rhode Island has also presented her annual report of the Missionary work within our limits which is acceptable to the meeting. With many happy assurances we have learned of the interest and energy our sister of this Quarterly Meeting and we are encouraged to importune our Heavenly Father to deepen our zeal

and increase our humble effort to place it before the eyes of more of the dark places of the earth.

In conclusion we acknowledge with thankfulness the overshadowing presence of Him who has blessed us together and adjourn to meet at Newport in 8th month next if the Lord permit.

Wm. S. Appleton, Clerk

Summary of Answers

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two small meetings. Meetings on first day last were duly attended by most of our members when circumstances permit. Week-week meetings were neglected. The house rarely opened. An unbecoming behavior apparent.

Ans 2^d Love and unity are generally maintained but we are conscious of some deficiencies in this respect. A brother recently died against. When differences have arisen since this has been taken to end them.

Ans 3^d We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and those who have children or others under their care, endeavor with little exception to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our members maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry with little exception.

Ans 5th Friends abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. We then of course meeting assistance in obtaining employment. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th With little exception in our Monthly Meeting we believe these testimonies are faithfully upheld.

Ans 8th Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. They are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Cleanliness is attended to. The removals without certificates which have received attention.

Ans 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian kindness briefly and impartially.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends Friends held at
Providence - 7th month 1885.

The subscriptions from the several monthly meetings men-
ding to reports received are as follows,

From Rhode Island - Annie O. Carr, and Hannah B. Williams.

" Greenwich - Cynthia J. Cook, Lydia B. Alexander.

" Swansea - Leah Glade, Ruth A. Houser.

" Providence - Adeline C. Brown and Ellen C. Buffum.

" South Kingstown - Henriette D. Colburn and Annie H. Nelson
who being called are present.

The subscriptions submitted by this meeting to attend the
Yearly Meeting held at Portland in 6th month last report
that they attended with the exception of three.

Our beloved brother Thomas Kimber a Minister, and his
wife Mary S. Kimber an Elder, ^{and one lady monthly meeting} are in attendance of
this meeting. Their company and Gospel labors are
highly acceptable to us. Their certificates liberating
them for service in the limits of New England Yearly
Meeting which they now hold, have been read in a former
Quarterly Meeting and it is concluded to omit the reading
of them at this time.

The queries with the required answers from each of our
Monthly Meetings have been read.

A minute of advice issued by our late Yearly Meeting
and directed to its subordinate meetings has been read
and is as follows; -

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,
held at Portland, Maine, in the Sixth Month, 1885, the
following Minute was directed to our Subordinate Meet-
ings:

"The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that
the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers

and others, shall be maintained inviolate. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, } Clerks.
ANNA G. WOOD, }

Some extracts from the annual report of the New England
Humanitarian Foreign Missionary Society as sent down to us in
the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting have been read, by
which we are informed that S. Caroline Tobey has been ap-
pointed by the Yearly Meeting, one of the Vice-presidents of
the Missionary Society to represent Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting. We enter upon the second year's work for Missions
with the conviction that as unprofitable servants we have
scarcely done what was our duty to do, but united to that is
the wish that by the help of the Lord we will endeavor to
deserve His loving commendation during the year to come,
"she hath done what she could."
Having accomplished the business coming before us, we con-
clude proposing to meet at Fall River in 11th month next
if the Lord will.

Charles S. Hydelott - Clerk.

At-Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 11th month 5th 1885-

By reports from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz -

From Rhode Island, - Ruth Anna Boyd, Finesse J. M. Sturges.

" Swansea - Caroline H. Gaskill, Cynthia J. Earle, Julia Maria Freeborn

" Swansea - Eunice Estes, Eliza Ann Eison, Mary C. Chace.

" Providence - Charlotte D. Holmes M. Augusta Chaffey
Adelia C. Mann.

" South Kingston - Adelia P. Briggs. These being called are present except two. A satisfactory reason was given for the absence of one.

Our beloved sister Caroline E. Talbot a Minister of the Gospel, attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from Short-Creek Monthly Meeting, held 4th March 22^d 1885 - endorsed by Short-Creek Quarterly Meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us and the Clerk is authorized to furnish her with a copy of this Minute and sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in releasing Charles A. Chace from the station of Elder on his own request - which has the concurrence of this and the men's meeting. and he is accordingly released.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Mary J. Collins and Elizabeth A. Peres to the station of Elder which action is endorsed by this and the men's meeting and they are accordingly

attended to that station.

The paper with the required answers from each of the
Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Mary Alice Rifford Clerk of N. E. Preparative Meeting in Min-
istry and Oversight has laid before this meeting a statement
of the condition of that meeting in regard to its small
membership and the difficulty of increasing it. In this
connection we have been led to consider the repeated defec-
tories in the answers to the queries reported to this
meeting from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. After
careful deliberation it is concluded to appoint a Committee
in this meeting to unite with a similar Committee of men
friends to labor in that Monthly Meeting as may may
open for it: for the restoration of love and unity and the
proper administration of the discipline, and report at a
future meeting. Men Friends concerned herein and the
Committee appointed on behalf of this meeting is as follows
viz. - Esther W. Place, Harriette H. Collins, Phoebe S. Ayde-
lott, Abner Anthony and Gulielma Tuckerm.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting
were appointed, the representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting
are requested to meet at the meeting-house in Providence at
9:30 o'clock A. M. before the Quarterly Meeting convenes, to confer
together and present the names of two Friends to serve as Clerk
and assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

Having accomplished the business coming before us at this time we
conclude proposing to meet at Providence in 3^d month next
if the Lord permit.

Phoebe S. Aydelott - Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Home Friends held at Providence 2^d March 4th 1886

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings according to reports received are as follows - viz -

From Rhode Island - Mary Alice Gifford.

" Greenwich - Cynthia J. Gable, Mary E. Kenyon, Lydia A. W. recorder.

" Swansea - Rebecca Anthony, Sarah E. Buffinton, Elizabeth S. Newton.

" Providence - Adelia C. Mann, Ellen K. Buffum, Elizabeth A. Gifford.

" South Kingstown - Mary Anna Gould, Elizabeth N. Pease, who being called are present except five.

Ellen K. Buffum on behalf of the representatives reports that they are united in proposing Phoebe S. Sydelott for Clerk and S. Caroline Tobey for assistant - Clerk which meets the approval of this meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those positions for the ensuing year.

Our beloved sister Erneline H. Threlk, a Minister of the Gospel, attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory Minute from Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends, N. Hampshire, held 4th mo 17th 1885.

We have also with us at this time our beloved sister Jane G. Fisher, a Minister of the Gospel, with a Minute of conference from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Mass. held 11th mo 25th 1885.

Emma J. Galtbell companion to Jane G. Fisher is in attendance of this meeting and presented satisfactory credential from Durham Monthly Meeting, Maine. held 12th mo 15th 1885.

The company and Gospel labors of these servants of the Lord have been truly acceptable and encouraging to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this Minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The Queries with required answers to the 1st, 2^d and 10th have been read at this time.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Benjamin F. Knowles to the station of Elder which action has the concurrence of the and the mens meeting and he is accordingly appointed to that station.

A communication has been received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight which is as follows;—

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends—

Rhode Island Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight having twice omitted to send representatives or to send any accounts to the meeting it was deemed best to lay this information before the Quarterly Meeting for its consideration and action in the matter.

From the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence 2^d month 8th 1886.

W. H. Eadie Clerk—

This subject having received the attention of this meeting we unite with our Friends in referring the same to the Committee now under appointment to visit Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. A request has been received from South Kingston Monthly Meeting asking of this meeting the privilege of disposing of the Friends house of worship at Western. After due consideration of the subject we unite with our Friends in granting their request. Having accomplished the business coming before us and having had the blessed assurance of the presence of the Lord in our quarterly gathering we conclude proposing to meet at Greenwich in Fifth month next if the Lord permit.

Philo S. Aydelott—Clerk—

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at
Greenwich 5th month 6th 1886

By the accounts from the several monthly meetings we are
informed that the representatives appointed to attend this
meeting are as follows.

From Rhode Island, - Mary Alice Gifford Ruth Anna Mayd.
" Greenwich - Cynthia J. Earle, Mary C. Kenyon, Abner K. Buffum
" Wanslea - Esther Chace, Elizabeth S. Newton Eliza A. Collins
and Elizabeth S. H. Wood.
" Providence - Elizabeth A. Gifford, Charlotte G. Holmes Ellen K. Buffum
" South Kingston - Anna A. Gould and Dorcas G. Babcock
who being called are present except one.

The Queries with answers from the several monthly meetings
have been read at this time a summary of which has been
compiled describing we believe the condition of our meetings and
we forward the same to the next Yearly Meeting to be held at
Newport on Rhode Island by our Friends Ellen K. Buffum
M. Augusta Betley, Cynthia J. Earle, Phoebe S. Sydelott
Adelia C. Mann, Rebecca Anthony, Phoebe K. Gifford Elizabeth
S. Newton Eliza A. Collins Mary Alice Gifford Esther
Chace Dorcas G. Babcock and Rachel Anthony whom we
appoint as representatives to attend that meeting and report.

Summary of Answers to Queries.

Q. 1st - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have
been regularly held except two small ones. Those on First
day morning attended by most Friends. On a few
devolves the keeping up of the afternoon and midweek
meetings. The hour nearly observed. Mostly clear of
unbecoming behavior.

- Ans 2^d Love and unity, nearly maintained. Obstruction mostly avoided against. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them.
- Ans 3^d Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. Some deficiency in training children in accordance with our Christian profession.
- Ans 4th The Believers Friends read the Holy Scriptures in their families and individually, giving encouragement to their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is generally maintained.
- Ans 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe moderation in all things.
- Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor and of such as appear likely to need assistance are duly inspected and their necessities relieved. Assistance has been given when necessary in obtaining employment and in educating their children.
- Ans 7th Our testimony as regards the several particulars of this query is maintained.
- Ans 8th Careful in the several parts of this query with a little exception.
- Ans 9th Records attended to; not quite clear as agents certificates.
- Ans 10th The discipline is generally administered in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

We have received the London General Epistle, Epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, the Boarding School report, the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the printed slips containing minutes of advice and additions to the Discipline, and the Letter to the children, all of which have been forwarded to our subordinate meetings for distribution.

The statistical reports from our several monthly meetings have been received and read and are as follows, viz:

	Members reported last year 1880	Present	Quitted	Worship	Worship	Abandoned	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Members Jan 1st 1881
Rhode Island	141	0	6	0	1	3	3	0	7	134
Greenwich	62	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	64
Swansea	210	0	4	0	3	51	3	41	0	251
Providence	225	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	226
South King	81	0	1	0	0	5	1	3	0	84
Total	719	2	13	1	4	61	7	47	7	759
Total Gain								40		

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Susan H. Olney and Sarah Olney to the station of Elder, and of Annie O. Carr and Isaac E. McCombs as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; which action has the endorsement of this and the women's meeting and they are accordingly appointed to their respective stations.

Swansea Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Lemuel Chase to the station of Elder which has the concurrence of this and the women's meeting and he is accordingly appointed to that station.

S. Caroline Tobey Vice-President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting presented the second annual report of the work carried on within our limits which is fraught with interest and encouragement, and as we become of the needs of the missionaries and the missions under their charge we feel that interest and prayer is required of us that more laborers may be sent out to reap in the plentiful harvest-fields.

The report is as follows—

Dear Sisters. — The time has come for the second annual report of this branch of the W. F. M. S. —

received from each of the six auxiliaries in our Quarterly Meeting from which the following summary has been prepared.

1st Meetings held were regular and in all but one of the auxiliaries.

2^d Number of members enrolled at the beginning of the year 1-1

3^d Present enrollment — — — — — 145

4th Number paying gifts and dues 135

5th " " baptisms " " " "

6th Amount of money forwarded to General of Sunday School Society \$401.43

7th Membership dues — — — — — 10.50

8th Bible School collections — — — — — 10.00

9th Donations — — — — — 100.38

10th From other sources — — — — — 78.24

In addition to the above I have sent one pair of trousers of Quaker Society, \$26.75 have been retained by the auxiliaries for their own use.

The number of copies of the Missionary Advocate taken by the auxiliaries is, as far as ascertained — 27

Our mission society is using the uniform study as given in the Advocate. Another mission society that it is now using the Missionary Union Tracts but intend next year to use the Uniform Study given in the Advocate. During the last year boxes have been sent to Jamaica and Syria, both of which have been acknowledged as very acceptable. Through the kindness of a friend in New York the cost of transportation of the Syrian box was made so light that a heavy obstacle was removed in sending such a long distance. Interesting letters have been received from several foreign missionaries working in different fields and have given us a clearer idea of the life of these distant countries and the needs of the people they are laboring to help. A very cheering letter has been

received from Saada Hadid the little Syrian girl who is being educated by this quarterly meeting. She expresses her gratitude to all the kind friends who have helped her, and her father, saying the progress she has made both in temporal knowledge and in the fear of the Lord, should be an earnest encouragement to all of us at home to be patient - strong and true, holding up strongly the hands of those who are actively engaged in bringing those who are in darkness into the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sarah Caroline Long Vice President of
M. F. W. S. for Rhode Island quarterly meeting.

The several quarterly meetings report that the sum of \$227.50 has been raised the past year in aid of the Syrian Mission and \$12.50 in aid of the Western Indians.

The report of the committee appointed in 11th month last to labor in the limits of Rhode Island on the quarterly meeting has been presented and is as follows:

To Rhode Island quarterly meeting of friends

Dear Friends.

The joint committee appointed in 11th month last to visit Rhode Island quarterly meeting and the members constituting it; for the better promotion of love and unity among them, and also in the 2^d mo for service on account of the protracted meeting on Ministry and Oversight in said quarterly meeting, report that we have given attention to our appointment and in so doing to inform the quarterly meeting that the object of our appointment has been accomplished in connection with the visit to Ministry and Oversight and that that meeting has again been held and the same according to our appointment and that the same meeting is now holding its session on Ministry and Oversight during its other service on that account unnecessary, but we

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... is accepted to the ...
... the same committee is continued for further service
... the meeting.

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Louis Perry an Elder and member of South Kingston monthly
meeting deceased 7th month 3^d 1885 aged 87 yrs 2 mos 29 days.

Margaret Anthony a member and Elder of Rhode Island
monthly meeting died 10th month 29th 1885 aged 77 yrs
2 mos; 23 days.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport
Sept 5th 1886

By the accounts received from the several
monthly meetings we are informed that the following Friends have
been appointed representatives to this meeting - viz
From Rhode Island - Mary Darnie

" Greenwich - Cynthia J. Easle Mary E. Kenyon Susan M. Perkins and
Winnie Merrill

" Swansea - Rebecca Anthony, Sarah E. Duffield, Chabe S. Lydell

" Providence - Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth A. Gifford

" South Kingston - Elizabeth T. Perry, Mary E. Brooks.

Those being called are present except two. A satisfactory reason is
given for the absence of one.

The assistant clerk being absent - Louisa S. Meader is appointed to
serve for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting
report that they all attended.

The queries with answers to the first second and tenth have
been read at this time.

Swansea Monthly meeting informs that they are invited in the
appointment of Anna C. Chase as a member of the meeting
on Ministry and Oversight with which this and the main
meeting unite and she is accordingly appointed to that meet-
ing.

The recommendation of the yearly meeting that
monthly meetings shall appoint committees to assist in raising
additional funds in aid of the Mission at Beirut on Mount
Lebanon and in aid of the Western Indians, was laid before
this meeting and it was advised that the representatives to this
meeting have a care that the recommendation receive attention
in their several monthly meetings.

The resolution contained in the report of the Committee on Education which was presented to the last Yearly Meeting and contained in No. 44 of the printed minutes, receiving our attention, we are united in appointing a committee to unite with a similar committee of the men's meeting in furnishing the statistical information required and report in 5th mo next.

The Committee is as follows -

From Rhode Island - Annie O. Carr and Annie Macomber
Greenwich - Cynthia J. Earle Deliciana Trebarn
Swansea - Rebecca Anthon Esther Chase
Providence - Sarah J. Hanson Hannah S. Benson
South Kingston - Dorcas E. Babcock Elizabeth A. Perry

Our beloved brother John V. Pennington a Minister of the Gospel attended this meeting and presented a Minute from Highland Monthly meeting Indiana held 9th mo 5th 1880 and endorsed by Highland quarterly meeting.

We have also in attendance at this time our beloved brother Jesse McPherson a Minister of the Gospel, with a Minute from Cane Creek monthly meeting, North Carolina, held 7th mo 1st 1885 and endorsed by Western Quarterly meeting. The company and Gospel labors of these dear friends have been truly helpful to us in the edifying of the Church and the encouragement of believers, and the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting returning Minutes, prepared by men friends.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet in Fall River in 11th mo next if the Lord permit.

Phoebe S. Aydelott - Clerk -

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at
Fall River 11th month 4th 1886

By the reports received from the several monthly meetings we are
informed that the following Friends have been appointed as
representatives to this meeting - viz -

Rhode Island - Annie B. Macomber

Greenwich - Julia Anna Freborn, Cynthia J. Earle, Annie Russell and
Lydia A. Macomber.

Swansea - Eunice Estes, Rebecca Anthony, Charles P. Chace

Providence - Sarah J. Hanson - Louise T. Meader Elizabeth A. Lifford

St. Kingston - Sarah V. Collins Mary Anna Gould -

who are all present except one.

The queries with the required answers from each of our monthly
meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Stephen Cartland, a Minister of the
Gospel attended this meeting and presented a Minute from
Durham monthly meeting, Maine, held 5th mo 18th 1886
His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and
the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting, a returning
Minute prepared by our friends.

This meeting unites with Swansea monthly meeting in the
appointment of Charles A. Chace as a member of the meeting
on Ministry and Oversight; our friends concurring therein.
Greenwich monthly meeting informs that it is united in the
appointment of Mary E. Kenyon to the station of Elder, which
action has the endorsement of this and the other meeting
and she is accordingly appointed to that station.

The Representative Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting has
issued a Minute to the subordinate meetings of the Yearly Meeting
which has been received and read and decided to be placed on our

records and is as follows -

"The following is a Minute of the Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England at a special meeting of that body, held in Boston Mass 10th mo 16th 1885. viz
The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England recommends that our members maintain true and faithful loyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its injunctions more especially in relation to the matter contained in Minute No 56 of the minutes of 1885 which is as follows viz -

"We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our religious society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its subordinate meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends within our limits."

And the Representative meeting authorizes and directs that subordinate meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the certificate or issue returning Minutes for Ministers or others in cases ⁱⁿ which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and directs the clerks and correspondents of such subordinate meetings to withhold their sign from such Minutes if issued or attempted to be issued.

The meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the Church in the present emergency. It was the

desire of the meeting to uphold all that is good while it testifies
clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine
or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the
so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.
We therefore appoint Benjamin H. Knowles, Richard Cutler, Eben
Dane, Hannah P. Bailey, Ellen K. Buffum, Timothy B. Hulse,
George Cowland Jr, Susan T. Thompson, Anna S. Wood, Lydia
C. Chal, and Reuben T. Jones, - a committee to extend Christ-
ian care over the subordinate meetings of our Yearly Meeting, and
to advise and assist in preventing such Ministers or others
not in unity as above mentioned, from being received or endorsed
by Friends or subordinate meetings, contrary to the concerns of this
meeting, and the intent of the preceding Minutes.

Timothy B. Hulse, Clerk

North Benwick Maine 10th mo 20th 1886

A proposition is received from the Quarterly Meeting on Ministerial
and Oversight that the hour of holding that meeting at Fall
Fair, the 11th month of each year be changed from 3 to 2 o'clock
P. M. which is united with in this and the men's meeting.

The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting were
appointed, the representatives appointed to attend the next
'quarterly meeting' are requested to meet in the basement of the
Friends Meeting-house in Providence at 9^h 30 A. M. previous to
the quarterly meeting, to confer together and choose the names
of two Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for the
ensuing year.

The Committee appointed by this meeting in 11th mo of last
year to extend care on account of Rhode Island monthly meeting
present the following report which is united with in this and

the mens meeting, and the committee is continued for further service; and requested to report at a future meeting.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

The joint committee appointed by this meeting in 11th month last to visit Rhode Island monthly meeting and members composing it, would report having paid further attention to their appointment and would also recommend that still further care be extended toward the object of their appointment.

In. behalf of the Committee

Samuel A. Buffinton

Escher Chase

11th mo 4th 1886

The business of the meeting being accomplished under a sense of the loving care of the great Head of the Church, we adjourn to meet again in Providence in 2^d month next, if the Lord permit.

Philo S. Aydelott. Clerk.

At Rhode Island ~~Quarterly~~ Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 2^d month 3^d 1887

The representatives from the several monthly meetings according to reports received are as follows, viz. -

Rhode Island - Anna B. Macomber, Laura A. Cuswell.

Greenwich - Catharine Greene, Mary E. Kenyon, Gulielma Freeborn.

Swansea - Esther Chace, Rebecca Anthony, Eliza Ann Lison and Rachel P. Chace.

Providence - Phebe R. Gifford, M. Augusta Battey, Louisa A. Meader.

South Kingston - Anna A. Gould, and Elizabeth A. Perry who being called are present except two.

Phebe R. Gifford on behalf of the representatives reported that they were not prepared to report any names for the position of clerk and assistant clerk for the year, but would propose that Phebe S. Sydelott serve as clerk for the day with M. Augusta Battey as assistant, with which this meeting unites.

It is concluded that the representatives who shall be appointed to attend the next quarterly meeting shall confer together and present to that meeting the names of two friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for the remainder of the year. These representatives are requested to meet at the meeting-house in Greenwich on the morning of 5th mo 5th at 9 o'clock.

The queries with required answers to the 1st 2^d and 10th from each of our monthly meetings have been read at this time.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Jesse McPherson from Kane Creek monthly meeting, North Carolina; Charles W. Goddard from Durham monthly meeting, Maine; and Thomas B. Nichols from

Vassalboro monthly meeting, Maine, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressing of unity with them as Ministers of the Gospel and with their present religious engagement. The Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting returning Minutes for them prepared by men Friends.

This meeting unites with Swansea monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Phoebe S. Aydelott with which the men's meeting concurs. Having accomplished the business coming before us we conclude proposing to meet in Greenwich in 3rd month next if the Lord permit.

Phoebe S. Aydelott. Clerk for the day

1st - No. 1. Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich 5th Mo. 5th 1807.

According to the accounts received from the several
Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives
to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

Rhode Island - Ruth Wier Boyd, Anna Hemen
Wendrich, Cynthia G. Carle, & Frederica Hemen
Swansen. Rebecca Anthony, Ester Chace - Elizabeth S.
Newton, and Rachel P. Chace.

Providence - Ellen H. Buffum, Charlotte C. Heston,
and Elizabeth S. Gifford.

South Kingston - Dorcas W. Babcock and Eunice
H. Catter, who being called are present except three.

The representatives inform they have
conferred together and are united in proposing
the names Abner H. Reader for clerk and
Sarah E. Hanson for assistant clerk, with which
this meeting concurs and they are appointed to
serve until the next - our usual time for
appointing clerks. The Queries with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings have been read at
this time a summary of which has been compiled
describing we believe the condition of our meeting
and we forward the same to our next year by meeting
to be held at Portland Maine. by our friends, Ellen
H. Buffum, Charlotte C. Heston, Ester Chace, Elizabeth Catter,
Rebecca Anthony, Rebecca Anthony, Harriet S. Gifford,
Lydia S. Hemen, Cynthia G. Carle and Eunice
H. Reader whom we appoint our representatives
to attend that meeting and report.

We have received the past year the London General Epistle, Epistle from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, the Boarding School report, the minutes of our last yearly meeting, the letter to the children, and lesson book from our sister uniting meeting all of which have been forwarded to our subordinate meetings for distribution. The statistical reports from our several monthly meetings have been received and read are as follows, viz:-

	1886 No. reported	1887 No. reported	1888 No. reported	1889 No. reported	1890 No. reported	1891 No. reported	1892 No. reported	1893 No. reported	1894 No. reported	1895 No. reported	1896 No. reported
Rhode Island	134	1	5	3	1	22	3	17			157
Greenwich	64	0	2	1	0	0	1	10	2		62
Gwarsen	251	3	3	3	1	4	1	32			283
Providence	226	1	3	1	1	4	1	1			227
South Kingston	84	0	3	0	1	0	0		4		80
Total	729	4	14	5	3	30	6	51	6		803.

Educational Statistics from the several Monthly Meetings

No. of Children between 4 & 15	115
" " " " 12 & 21	58
No. attending school	77
" " " " Taught by or under the care of Friends	43

Received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting the following minute, viz. This meeting is united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting that in the appointment of Elders they be

appointed for a term of three years instead of
 as now. Also that the term of Elders now under
 appointment - cease on the adoption of this
 minute.

We unite with the decision of
 men freely that it be forwarded to the Yearly
 Meeting without taking any action thereon.

Rhode Island No Meeting expressing
 that they are united in the appointment of
 Rachel Anthony, Eldred G. Macomber,
 George W. Place, William Holt, Abie Macomber
 Mary A. Sherman, John A. Chamber, Lewis H. Place,
 Anna B. Macomber, Lylin C. Place & John H. Brown
 as members of the meeting on Ministry and
 Oversight.

Swedenson No Meeting in the appoint-
 -ment of twelve friends, and Providence six
 friends as members of the meeting on Ministry
 and Oversight - which action has the endorsement
 of this and the mens meeting.

The several No. Meetings report that
 the sum of \$200.00 has been raised the past year
 in aid of the Syrian Mission and \$25.00 for
 for Western Indians.

P. Caroline Lober vice President of the
 Womens Foreign Missionary Society for Rhode Island
 a quarterly meeting presented the third annual report
 of the work carried on within our limits, which was
 read, and is as follows.

Again the time has come for
 the annual Report of our Womens Foreign Mission

Society, and it is with mingled feelings that we
 present this report of our third year of active mission
 work. We are encouraged by the earnest spirit
 with which fresh calls have been met; and at the
 same time to realize more fully the magnitude of
 the work before us, as the noble and suffering
 sisters have been brought more plainly to view.

Reports have been received from the six
 auxiliaries from which the following summary
 has been prepared.

1st	Our auxiliaries report - Meetings regularly held, have mentioned some missions	
2nd	Number of members enrolled at beginning of year 1883	135
3rd	Present - enrollment -	128
	Number paying 50 cts per year	7
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4th	Amount of money forwarded to the Treasurer of Yearly Meeting Society	485.96
a	From Membership dues.	65.75
b	From Bible Schools	72.62
c	From donations	52.20
d	From other sources -	215.39

In addition to the above \$27.07 have been
 returned to the auxiliaries for their own use
 in materials &c.

Our auxiliaries that they use the
 Uniform Lessons given in the Advocate.

The reports that the Hour of Prayer for Missions
 is regularly observed, collectively.

The interest in Mission work seems

unabated and some auxiliaries report it
~~necessary~~ increasing, one speaking of a goodly
congregation in prayer and in the love of
mission work. Praying meetings have been
regularly held in some localities and good results
have been made for Spain and for the West India
Mission under Lygia's labors. For the latter field
donations in materials have been received.

A member of one of our auxiliaries who
has been told a story of devotion, having a mission
work has just entered the things pertaining
for missionaries. Her auxiliary and her
meeting sent her with their affectionate prayers and
substantial tokens of love and best-wishes, and
she has entered upon her preliminary studies.

Particularly the medical branches with great
earnestness. Thus not only our substance
but of our very selves, have we been enabled this year
to give unto the Lord. The Macedonian one has
not been in vain. May we all like our dear
Sister stand ready to do the master's bidding.

All are sent to go forth as she has done. Those
staying at home are to strengthen the hands
of the more active laborers. But all have
abound and stand with open eyes, and listening
and ready for this command. Whatsoever the Lord
wills you shall do it.

G. Caroline Luby, Vice President
of N. E. M. S. for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Abel H. Collins an Elder and member of
South Kingston M^o. Meeting died 6th Mo. 15th
1886. aged 82 years 4 months and 23 days.

Isaac Pratt a member and Elder of Rhode Island
M^o. Meeting died 15th Mo. 1st 1886. aged 82 years
3 months and 20 days.

Levi Almy a Minister and member
of Rhode Island M^o. Meeting died 7th Mo. 15th
1886. aged 77 years.

The business coming before us at this time
being accomplished, we conclude preparing to
meet again at Newport in 8th Mo. next
as directed
E. W. A. Reader Clerk,

All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Women Friends held at Newport 8th Mo. 7th 1887.

According to reports received from the
several Monthly Meetings the representatives to
attend this meeting are as follows.

Rhode Island, Lavinia C. Macomber, Annie R. Burdette,
Greenwich, Cynthia C. Calkins, Lydia A. Macomber,
Providence, John L. Exelste, & Ester Chase,
Providence Susan P. B. B. B., M. Augusta B. B.,
and Ellen M. B. B.
South Kingston Harriet E. Collins and Eunice
H. Calkins, who being called are present - except
two, for whom satisfactory reasons are given

The representatives appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting at Portland Me. report - that -
they attended with the exception of two.

The Queries with required answers,
from each of the monthly Meetings have been read
at this time.

With the concurrence of these meeting
bathernmore have assisted with Greenwich Mo. Meeting in
forming the appointment of bathernmore to the
appointment of Elder. The joint-Committee
Elder. appointed in 11th Mo 1855 to extend care and
assist at Rhode Island Monthly Meeting have
presented the following report - viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
at Friends.

Dear Friends,

Your Committee appointed
in 11th Mo 1855: to labor in Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting and with its members, for the extension
of Love and Unity, have attended to their appointment
as day opened. The hope in some respects, there
has been an improvement yet the committee do
not feel that any further action on their part
can accomplish the full results desired.

By resolution and on behalf of
the Committee. Signed W. E. 11th Mo 1857.

Robert P. Gifford
Ester Chase

which is acceptable to this meeting, and we
write with our friends in closing the Em. from the

Our dear friend Abigail Johnson Ballin is in
attendance of this meeting, her company and
counsel will be very acceptable to us.
The business of the meeting being
accomplished under a sense of the living love
of the great-head of the Church we adjourn to
meet again in Fall River in 11th Mo next
if permitted
Lavinia L. Howard Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Women Friends held at Fall River April 1847.
Liby accounts received from each of our
Monthly Meetings the representatives are from
Rhode Island, Lavinia L. Howard, Ruth Ann Boyd
and Rachel Anthony
Massachusetts Susan S. Smith, George
J. Johnson, Ruth A. Harris, Parthenia Underwood
and sister Anne

Attendance at the Buffum City 1847. A. J. Ford
Ruth Ann Boyd, Lavinia L. Howard, Susan S. Smith,
the friends called are present except those, who
for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.
The Queries have been read at this time with
answers to the first, second, and tenth, from each
of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved Friends Thomas H.
Fisher and George Peck, Ministers from Ireland
attended this meeting and produced a certificate
about Christian Healy's Meeting. Their company
and religious service have been very acceptable

and strengthening to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign a testimonial certificate prepared by our friends on their behalf.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting recommends that our Discipline be so altered that our Elders be appointed once in three years, instead of for life, and that all terms of Eldership terminate upon such new appointments. This subject is left for the consideration of friends until the Quarterly Meeting in 2nd Mo. Next.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they have re-established a meeting-house worship at 11 o'clock, and a Separative Meeting held at 4 o'clock preceding the Monthly Meeting at 7 o'clock.

They also grant the request of all their Separative Meeting to hold their meetings in the middle of the week, at 3 o'clock P.M. instead of 10 1/2 o'clock A.M. all of which is satisfactory to us, and this Meeting transmits the information to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

The time having expired to which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives to the Next Quarterly Meeting are requested to meet at the meeting house in Providence at 9.30 A.M. on the day of the Quarterly Meeting, to confer together and present the names of two friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. Under a sweet and precious covering of love to our Heavenly Father, we conclude

Proposing to meet again in 2 months at
Providence if permitted,

Louisa M. Meader Clerk

at the third meeting of Women Friends
held at Providence 10 March 1855

The representatives from the several
monthly meetings according to reports received
are as follows.

From Rhode Island Emma W. Sherman, Abigail Green
and Abie Macomber

Barnstable Elizabeth Freeman, Catherine Green,
Frances, Rebecca Athol, Rachel P. Chase & Elizabeth
in Boston & Catherine Chase

Providence, Ellen H. Buffum Louisa M. Meader
in Augusta, Bettey Sarah F. Hanson & Elizabeth H. Tippet
South Kingston Edwin M. Bray & Anna M. Collins,
who being called are present except two for whom
satisfactory reasons are assigned

The representatives from the several
monthly meetings having conferred together inform
that they are united in proposing Louisa M. Meader
for Clerk and Sarah F. Hanson for Assistant Clerk
which meets the approval of this meeting and they
are accordingly appointed to that service for the
ensuing year.

The Ladies have all been read at this time
the answers to the 1st Q & 15th from each of our
monthly meetings.

The proposition from Rhode Island Monthly

Meeting in 11th Mo. But for a change in the appointment of Elders receiving our attention at this time, it was concluded to unite with the decision of some friends, and forward it to the next Yearly Meeting for its action thereon. We unite with our friends in the belief, that the time has not come to unite with the proposition from C. S. Mo. Meeting viz., that all the sessions of our Quarterly Meetings be held as united meetings, and have advised that the meetings be held as heretofore separate.

We unite with our friends in the appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton as Recorder of the Quarterly Meeting. Rhode Island Mo. Meeting informs they are united in appointing for collection to the meeting of ministry and oversight Mary T. Jones, and Anna P. Carr, and in the appointment of Robert C. Withersall, Richard V. Macomber, Eben B. Beale, Charles C. Gore, Anna Manchester and Maria L. Cory, to the same meeting for two years.

Traverse Mo. Meeting informs they are united in the appointment of Peter L. Chase, Amos T. Chase, John East and Alice C. Pifford as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The action of both meetings has the endorsement of this and the mens meeting.

South Kingston Mo. Meeting informs that they have directed that their Note of Stock \$36.00 be paid to the Treasurer of this meeting, also that the old meeting house at Kilmarnock has been sold for \$2.00, which is satisfactory to us. We have at this time the company of our dear Brother Josiah H. Wilcox who presents satisfactory testimonies

From Barclay the meeting held at Barclay House 3rd Mo 28th 1887, and also at Follen Road Quarterly Meeting. His company and useful labor have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting returning minutes prepared for him so much kindly.

Having accomplished the business coming before us we conclude proposing to meet at Greenwich in 3rd Mo next if permitted.
Louisa K. Meader Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Women Friends held at Greenwich 5th Mo 3rd 1888

According to the accounts received from the several monthly meetings it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

Rhode Island, Mary M. Macomber, and Rachel Anthony
Greenwich, Catherine Green, Mary C. Kenyon.

Taunton Sarah C. Buffington, Peter Chase, Rebecca Anthony
Elizabeth S. Newton, and Carrie Perry.

Bridgewater, Phoebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth S. Gifford and
Willinda Metcalf.

South Kingston, Elsie Jane Collins & Eunice K. Catley,
who being called are present - except one

The Queries with answers from each of our monthly meetings have been read and a summary has been selected and approved by the meeting, describing our present condition, which we forward to the next Yearly Meeting to be held at Redport -
Your friends Phoebe R. Gifford, Ellen M. Buffington, Sarah C. Buffington, Rachel Anthony, Sarah Ellen Lydia Macomber, Elizabeth S. Newton, Elsie J. Collins, Rachel P. Chase, Mary C. Kenyon and Elizabeth K. Perry whom we appoint our representatives

to attend that meeting and report.

We have received and distributed during the past-year to our subordinate meetings all the documents issued by the South meeting.

The Statistical Reports from our several monthly meetings have been received and can not be are as follows

No. of Births	---	1
Deaths		2
removed into	---	4
out of		12
admitted on request		35
released or dismissed		10
so seriously assisted		3
whole no. of members	Nov 1st / 87	803
" " "	3rd " / 88	810

an increase of 7 during the past year.

Educational Statistics from the Island No. Meeting

No of Children between 4-21	=	27
" " "	12 - 21	15

No attending School taught or controlled by Friends
South Kingston

No of Children between 4-21	---	12
" " "	4 - 12	4

No attending School taught or controlled by Friends S.

Shake Island No. Meeting informing the have raised the past year \$26.00 for Syrian Mission
it violence No. Meeting \$12.00 for Syrian Mission
and \$2.00 for Western Indians.

We have at this time the company of our dear friend & brother, Hays, a Minister who presented a minute from Springfield Bro Meeting Guilford Co. N.H. held 3-7/88 endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting held 4-21-1888. Also our beloved 2nd Friend, Patten Douglas a minister, with a minute from Durham Maine Bro Meeting held 1-17-1888. The company and service of these dear friends have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes prepared by our friends on their behalf.

Sarah Caroline Tobey Vice President of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society has presented her 4 annual report which is interesting and satisfactory to us, and is as follows viz.

Fourth annual report of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Reports have been received from the six auxiliaries of the W. F. M. S. in R.I. Quarterly meeting from which the following summary has been prepared.

These meetings been regularly held 9 times 1888.

No of Members enrolled at beginning of year	84
Present-enrolment	114
paying fifty cents a year	108
Twenty-five cents a year	8
Total of money for warden to Treasurers of S. M. Society 148.10	

a From membership dues	\$ 4,000
b From donations	\$ 31.52
c From other sources	\$ 40.64

Amount of money retained for current expenses and for material or spent for different missions \$ 23.49

How many copies of the Advocate taken 54

Do you see the uniform lessons?
 Ans In one auxiliary

In what mission are you most interested

Ans Syrian and Hichapoo and Soda.

What others have you helped?

Ans Mexican Alaska, Mexico, and other Indian missions

Do you observe the monthly hour of prayer?

Ans. In two auxiliaries.

Although the membership roll does not number quite as many as last year, it seems that the interest of the present workers is not abated. We may judge by the number of money raised which is more what exceeds that of last year. We find too that help has been sent to a larger number of mission fields than formerly showing that a response is made to the increased demands and a wider interest is manifested. One auxiliary reports the removal by death of a valued member, who was with them from the time of their organization, as one by one those who have labored with us are called away it should incite us to be faithful at our posts for we know not when the call may come to us, at even or at mid night or at the cock

working or in the morning. Let us work then
with diligence while it is day ere the night cometh
when no man can work."

Sarah Caroline Lacey
Secy. of N. H. C. S. Meeting

Hannah B. Peckham an Elder and member of
Purdence No. Meeting died 6th Mo 7th 1858.
aged 81 years and 5 months.

Frank B. Reynolds a minister and member
of Purdence No. Meeting died 4th Mo 7th 1858.
aged 82 years 6 months & 11 days.

Sarah Hade a member and Elder of Tidewater
No. Meeting died 3rd Mo. 20th 1858 aged 78 years 1 Mo.

The business coming before us at this time
having been transacted in much love and harmony
we conclude proposing to meet in 8th Mo next at
Newport if permitted.

Louise A. Reader Clerk.

Ans 1st - Summary of Answers to Queries.

All our meetings for religious worship
and Discipline have been regularly held except
on First-day. Those of First-day morning are
well attended. Those on First-day afternoon &
in the middle of the week are not so well
attended, the order nearly observed.

Ans 2^d

Love and unity nearly maintained

and detection generally guarded against;
 the leavens are used to and differ from them they
 write.

Ans 3^d Most Friends manifest a desire
 to maintain a religious life and conversation
 and to train their children and those under
 their care in accordance with our Christian
 profession.

Ans 4th

We believe our members are in the
 practice of reading the ^{holy} Scriptures as
 required after & encouraging others in this
 important duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel
 ministry is maintained with the exception,

Ans 5th

We believe Friends abstain from the use
 of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Generally
 careful to avoid amusements and diversions
 inconsistent with a Christian character and
 to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the Poor are attended
 to and they are assisted when necessary. Care is
 taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th

Clear as to the several parts of this charge.

Ans 8th

With little exception Friends frequently
 inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and
 are generally faithful to their promises and just in

the payments of their debts and careful to live
within the limits of their circumstances
and so forth.

Recording is attended to, & sent removed
without certificates.

Ans 10th

We believe the Discipline is admin-
istered in Christian tenderness, timely and
impartial.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
held at Redford - 8-2-1888.

By the accounts from the several
monthly meetings we are informed that the represen-
tatives appointed to attend this meeting are as
follows.

Rhode Island, Maria Jacob & Abbie A. Macomber,
Greenwich, Mary D. Arnold and Lydia A. Macomber,
Providence, Sarah C. Buffington, Anna B. Thace, and
Esther Thace

Providence, Sarah C. Benson, Louisa S. Meader
and Phoebe R. Tiffard

South Weymouth, Eliza Jane Collins and
Margaret Babcock. Those being called are all present

The representatives appointed to attend
the year's meeting report - they attended except me.
The queries with required answers from
each of our Mo. Meetings have been sent at this
time. Rhode Island Mo. Meeting informs

that they be invited in the appointment of
 Alice Glass as a member of the meeting on
 Ministry and Oversight, which action has the
 endorsement of this and the next meeting and
 she is thereby considered a member of that meeting.

Our beloved friend John Gire attended this
 meeting and presented satisfactory credentials
 from Back Creek No Meeting held at Back Creek
 Grant Co. Indiana 3rd Mo 13th 1888, endorsed by
 Northern R. Meeting held at Back Creek 3rd Mo
 17th 1888, expressing unity with him as a
 minister and with his proposed prospect.

We have also the Company of our
 dear friend Charles M. Goddard a minister
 who presented a ministry from Sharon No.
 Meeting held in Grant Co. Indiana at South
 Durham Mo. 5th Mo 16th 1888. The company
 and services of these dear friends have been
 satisfactory and acceptable to us, and the Clerk
 is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting
 minutes prepared by me. ^{Truly} Sincerely,

The business coming before us at
 this time having been closed he is going to
 meet at Fall River in the 11th Mo next if permitted.
 Louise H. Healer Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Fall River 11th Mo. Feb 1888.

By reports from the several monthly
meetings we are informed that the Solidifying
Friends have been appointed representatives
to this meeting viz.

From Rhode Island, Abbie Sherman & Rachel Anthony
Branwich, Catherine Green & Gabriella Freeborn
Swansea, Emma M. Chace, Sarah C. Skinner,
Elizabeth S. Seddon & Rachel P. Prince,
Providence, Phoebe P. Safford, Sarah J. Hanson and
Louisa A. Leach.

South Kingstown, Elizabeth R. Perry, & Anna A. Gould.

These being called are present except one.
The queries with required answers to the 1st
& 10th have been read at this time.

Then Friends inform they have
appointed a Committee for the promotion of
"the subject of Temperance as way may open
for it" which having the approval of this
meeting, our friends Anna Macomber
Catherine Green Phoebe S. Sydelotte, Elizabeth
S. Safford and Harriette D. Collins are appointed
to unite with that committee.

The time having expired for which
the Clerks were appointed the representatives
to the next Qr. Meeting are requested to meet
at the meeting house, at Providence at 9.30
A.M. on the day of the Qr. Meeting to confer
together and present the names of two Friends to

serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk the ensuing year. Having accomplished the business coming before us we conclude proposing to meet at Providence in 2nd Mo next if permitted
 Louisa M. Meader Clerk,

All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo 7th 1890.

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings according to reports received are as follows viz.

From Rhode Island Rachel Anthony Abbie A. Macomber

Secundich. Harriet A. Thome & Mary C. Henryson
 Johnson. Peter Chase Phebe J. Adolphe, Sarah C. Buffington
 Providence. Abigail C. Mann, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary W. Collins
 South Kingston Eunice R. Cutler & Olivia R. Perry
 who being called are present - except 3 a satisfactory reason is assigned for the absence of one.

A portion of the Representatives having conferred together in relation to Clerks of this meeting for the ensuing year are united in proposing the name of Louisa M. Meader for Clerk and Sarah J. Handson for Assistant Clerk which being united with they are appointed for that service, and in accordance with the provision of our present discipline (page 18) in relation to Clerks of united Quarterly Meetings the men and women's representatives having conferred together are united in proposing the name of Samuel R. Buffington as Clerk and Louisa

the order as assistant clerk should say be held
as such, with which this meeting also unites

The Series with considered considers from each
of our monthly meetings have been read at this time

This meeting commenced with the mens meeting
in the appointment of Isaac B. Macomber as a
member of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight,
as brought forward in the minutes of our 2^d Mo
Meeting. Our beloved Friend Nathan Longley a
minister attended this meeting and presented
satisfactory accounts from Durham Mo Meeting
held in 2nd session at South Durham Me 1-P 7/88
expressing unite with him and with his proposed
prospects, we have also the company of our dear friend
John H. Harrington a minister who presented a
minute from Specland Henry Co Indiana 7-1-88
The company & religious services of these dear friends
have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is
authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting
returning minutes prepared for them by their
friends.

Having finished the business coming before
us we would acknowledge, with thankfulness
the overshadowing presence of Him who has blessed
us together at this time and conclude proposing
to meet at Greenwich in 5th Mo next if permitted

Louisa M. Meader
Clerk,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich - 5-2-189.

By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz
Rhode Island, Hannah LeBorden, Laura Fission &
Anna Manchester.

Greenwich Mary C. Kenyon & Catherine Green,
Swansea Ester Chase Phoebe S. Adolotte & Rebecca Weston
Providence Sarah J. Hanson, Emma J. LeRose and
Lorisa M. Meader -

North Kingston Mary R. Babcock & Mary D. Collins
who being called are present except one -

The Queries with answers from the several Monthly Meetings have been read and a Summary has been compiled describing we believe the condition of our Meeting at the present time and we forwarded the same to the Yearly Meeting to be held at Portland Maine by our Friends Rachel Anthony, Sarah J. Hanson, Electa J. Collins, Phoebe R. Tifford, Phoebe S. Adolotte, Ester Chase, Catherine Green M. Augusta Butler and Mary D. Collins whom we appoint representatives to ~~that~~ attend that Meeting and report.

Summary Answers.

1st - All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held and duly attended except - five, those on First Day morning have been well attended other meetings small, the hour is nearly observed,

2^d Love and unity - nearly maintained
Dissension guarded against with few exceptions
No differences are apparent.

3^d Most Friends are careful to maintain a
religious life and conversation and to train up those
under their care in accordance with our Christian
profession.

4th The Sensitive Friends frequently read the Holy-
Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their
families and are generally careful as to the other parts
of this Query.

5th We know of no violation of our discipline as to
the use of intoxicants. A few exceptions with regard
to amusements inconsistent with a Christian
character. Moderation observed.

6th The circumstances of the poor amongst us
receive attention - as queried after.

7th Our testimony is faithfully maintained
as to the several parts of this query.

8th The requirements of this query are observed
with a few exceptions.

9th Records are attended to. A few removals without
certificates, ~~and~~ some care taken

10th The Discipline is administered in Christian
tenderness, when necessary, timely and impartially.

We have received during the past year the
London General Epistol, Epistles from our Sisters of
other Yearly Meetings, The Boarding School report
and all documents issued by the Yearly Meeting
which have been forwarded to our subordinate

meetings for distribution,

The statistical reports from our General M^o
Meetings have been received and read and are as
follows, viz

No of Births	7
" " Deaths	16
Removed into	9
out-of	2
Released or disowned -	2
No of members 3-1-188	810
" " 3 1 89	832

increas during the past year 23

Educational Statistics

No of Children between 4-21- 134
12-21 80

Attending School 99

Taught by Friends 21

Munds raised for Missionary work \$94.75

for Western Indians \$48 80

Gospel work - 9.35

Elders Providence M^o Meeting informs they are
appointed in the appointment of Sarah & Hanson
and Ellen R. Buffum to the Station of Elders
which action is indorsed by this and the mens
meeting, Providence M^o Meeting also informs
that they are united in the appointment of
R. B. Hanson Robert B. Hanson and Joseph Alder to be
of Middle recorded as ministers of the Gospel, which action
recorded has the concurrence of this and the mens meeting
is minister Sarah Caroline Gahy vice president of the Women
Foreign Missionary Society has presented her report

for the 4th consecutive year which is satisfactory
and instructive to us and is as follows, viz.

Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Foreign
Missionary Society of Rhode Island & vicinity.

Reports have been received from the six auxi-
liaries of the W. F. M. S. in Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting from which the following summary has been
prepared.

1 Name of auxiliary

Ans Providence of the W. F. M. S. of R. I. & vicinity

2 Have meetings been regularly held?

Ans Yes, except in one auxiliary

3 No. of members enrolled at beginning of year 94

4. Present enrollment - 118

5 Number paying fifty cents a year 115

" " twenty five " 3

6 Amt. of money forwarded to Treasurer of yearly meeting
Society \$436.72

a From membership dues \$38.25

b From donations \$92.79

c From other sources 279.68

6 Amt. of money retained for current expenses & materials
\$492.32 one hundred \$2.52

7 How many copies of the Advocate taken 62

8 Do you use the uniform Lessons?

They have been used in two auxiliaries

9 In what mission are you most interested

Aramallah and Chickford and Foda

10 What others have you helped North Carolina

11 Do you share the monthly hour of prayer, In two auxiliaries

Reports have been received from two flourishing

Juvenile Bands which were formed respectively in Third and Fifth Months 1888.

A Third Band has been recently organized in another auxiliary. They report 42 members, and that the young people seem much interested in the work. We find that our membership roll numbers precisely the same as last year, although scarcely any children are on it now. The formation of Juvenile Bands in some of the auxiliaries however accounts for that. The work of the past year has been almost wholly devoted to Kammallah and the Gowa Mchaboo mission the two that are under our immediate charge. Not that less interest is felt in other, but from the realization that more could be accomplished by concentration than by greater division of our strength. Serving meetings have been held in most of our auxiliaries in all in fact where practicable, and by these frequent meetings our interest in this good work has been kept warm and active.

One auxiliary though small in number reports a box sent to Gyzia, showing earnest work on the part of its members.

We are glad to notice an increase this year in the numbers of copies of the Adversate taken.

This paper brings us much valuable information on mission work and deserves encouragement and support from our members. We hope those who do not now subscribe for it will make an effort to do so. With a feeling of thankfulness for the mercies of the past year and a realization of earnest-

work still before us let us press on with unabated
energy ever ready to do the Masters work.

Joseph Caroline Coby

Vice Pres. of W. F. M. of N. H. I. L.

Ch. I. M. Meeting informs they are united in appor-
18. Dundas B. & Providence Friends as associa-
members of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight as
of which has the endorsement of this and the men
Meeting. We have at this time the company of
our beloved brother Jessie M. Wilmore, who gives
satisfactory testimony from B. W. C. M. Meeting
of Friends Kansas held 8th Mo 26th 1888. Endorsed
Bolton Wood 2^d Meeting held at Toledo, his Co.
and Gospel Labors have been very acceptable to
and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning mus
prepared for him by men Friends.

James Dennis an Elder and member of
Providence M. Meeting died 4th Mo 9th 1889.
Age 88 years 2 Mo 8 days

Business which has been presented at this
time having been accomplished we conclude pro-
ing to meet at Newport in 8th Mo next if permitted
Louisa A. Reader Clerk

Church School Monthly Meeting including the associated
 in addition Edward C. Macomber, Mary C. Macomber,
 Lydia H. Chase John C. Chamber John B. Bennett
 Robert W. Threlkell Nelson R. Reed Hannah C. Borden
 Edwin C. Cary George Mason Chase Mary A. Macomber
 Isaac B. Macomber William C. Hall Abby S. Macomber
 Joseph C. Macomber Benjamin Green Mary C. Chamber,
 Mary Melissa Clark.

Leicester

Herbert W. Skinner Benjamin H. Chase, Maria
 Buffinton Charles H. Chase Rachel P. Chase, Sadie
 H. Chase Sarah C. Buffinton Maria C. Cole, Catherine
 Underwood, Mary J. Buffinton Sarah C. Macomber,
 Ann M. Chase Anna D. Chase Abby C. Lyford and
 Lydia Post;

Providence

Thomas C. Batten Dr. Augustus Walter
 Daniel Meader Louisa M. Meader John H. Meader
 Susan Beckham, Mary C. Collins

as associate members of the meeting on Ministry
 and Oversight;

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport - 8mo. 1st - 1889.

By accounts received from the several
Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representa-
tives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz
Rhode Island, J. Percissu Jacob & Margaret H. Alimber
Greenwich Alice C. Carle, Lydia A. Macomber, and
Catherine Green.

Swansen Ester Chase, Phoebe J. Adolphe, and Rachel P.
Chace.

Providence Adeline C. Mann, Ellen M. Atwater,
South Kingston Eunice A. Patty & Electa J. Collins
Who being called are present - except one.

The representatives appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting attended except one.

The Queries with required answers from
each of our Mo. Meetings have been read at this time.

This Meeting unites with
I. N. Meader Providence Mo. Meeting in the appointment of
Mr. Elder, Louise N. Meader to the Station of Elder, Men Friends
concurring therewith.

Men Friends inform they unite with
the proposition from Swansen Mo. Meeting of adding
the name of Charles Estes, as an associate member
of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, which is
acceptable to this meeting.

This meeting unites with men Friends
in deferring the action in relation of a committee
to cooperate with the ^{Yearly Meeting} committee on Gospel work as
requested by printed minutes No. 35: until next year.

meeting.

Under a solemn and precious covering of
Thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father
for His overshadowing love to us, assembled as we are
today we conclude proposing to meet in 11 months
at Fall River if permitted.

Gerian N. Meader Clerk,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Fall River Nov 7th 1889.

The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings according to reports received are as follows viz.
From Rhode Island P. Marcissa Jacob & Abbie A. Macomber,
Providence Harriet A. Shove, & Cynthia J. Carle,
Swansea Esther M. Davis, Emma R. Chace, Anna J.
Chace, and Esther Chace.

Providence Ellen M. Alder and Ellen H. Buffum,
South Kingston Mary J. Collins and Elizabeth M. Perry.
Who being called are present except two, for whom
satisfactory reasons were given.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th
from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read
at this time,

We ~~will~~ appoint Thebe J. Adolphe, P. Marcissa,
Jacob and Ellen M. Alder to unite with a
similar committee of men friends to cooperate
with the Yearly Meetings committee on Gospel
work in accordance with direction of said
Yearly Meeting and contained in minute 35 of
the printed Minutes.

Our beloved friend Salome W. Wheeler is in attendance of this meeting with a ~~minute~~ satisfactory report from Lybridge Monthly Meeting, Littleton, Mass. Her company and religious services have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minute for her on behalf of this meeting. We have also at this time the

acceptable company of our dear friend John Page from Bear Mt. Mo. Meeting, Am. S. S. H. S. from the Plainfield Mo. Meeting Indiana on record by Plainfield Lr. Meeting 5-7-1859 and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minute for them prepared by their friends.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired friends are reminded that their representatives to the next Lr. Meeting be requested to meet on the day of the Lr. Meeting at Providence to confer together and present the names of two friends to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk the ensuing year.

The business of the meeting being concluded we conclude proposing to meet at Providence in 2^d month next if permitted. Louise A. Headley

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 1859

From reports received from the different Mo. Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are,
from Rhode Island Lydia Lord and H. Ann B. Macomber

Greenwich, Cynthia J. Earle, Catherine Green
Adamses Sarah B. Skinner, Phoebe S. Adolotte, Emma E. Chase
Providence, Isaac H. Hanson, Ellen H. Buffum, Louise A. Meader
North Kingston Anna A. Gould.

Who being called are present - except - one.

The Representatives having met and consulted
together in relation to the proposition of Clerks
of this meeting are united in proposing the name
of Louisa A. Meader for Clerk and Isaac J. Hanson for
assistant Clerk, which being united with they are
appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries with required answers from each
Harriet A. of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time
Thore and Greenwich Mo. Meeting informs that it is united
John B. in the appointment of Harriet A. Thore and John
Godfrey to the station of Elder which action
appointed has the endorsement of this and the mens meeting
Elders. We unite with Rhode Island Mo. Meeting in
revising its list of associate members, of the Meeting
in Ministry and Oversight who are as follows viz
G. Mason Chase, Mary A. Sherman, Elwood G. Macomber
Lydia H. Chase, Mary W. Macomber, John B. Cornell, John C.
Himber, Isaac B. Macomber, William Holt, William H. Bond
Anna P. Carr, Richard P. Macomber, Charles C. Tore,
Mary W. Jones, Joseph C. Macomber, Robert Wetherell
Nelson Read, Abner A. Macomber, Benjamin Green
Hannah C. Borden, Mary C. Himber, Melissa Clark
Maria L. Corey, Anna L. Manchester, Anna B. Macomber
25 in no. Men friends concurring therewith, our
beloved friend John. Ketchum is acceptably with us

to day and presented a message from Southfield
 No Meeting held at Hoosdoekel -

With Gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his
 loving remembrance of us this day we conclude
 proposing to meet at Greenwich is. & No next
 if permitted
 Louisa A. Meader, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
 of Women Friends held at Greenwich 5th Mo 1st/90

By reports received from the several Monthly
 Meetings we are informed that the following friends
 have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz.
 Rhode Island, Anna Manchester & Lydia Goddard
 Greenwich, Cynthia G. Earle Mary C. Arnold,
 Swansden, Elizabeth A. Newton Effie Fleck, Rebecca
 Anthony, Ester Chace,

Providence Ellen H. Buffum Louisa A. Meader
 and Elizabeth S. Gifford

South Kingston Electa Jane Collins, Elizabeth A.
 Perry. No being called are present - except one,

The Queries with answers from each of our Monthly
 Meetings have been read and a summary proposed
 and approved by this meeting which we forward
 to the next yearly meeting to be held in Newport on
 R. I. by our friends Ester Chace, Elizabeth Gifford,
 Elizabeth A. Adolotte Eunice A. Green Catharine Green
 Electa J. Collins Rachel P. Chace Sarah A. Buffum
 Anna L. Manchester, Rebecca Anthony, Cynthia G.
 Earle Louisa A. Meader Elizabeth S. Gifford Harriet
 J. Sherman, whom we appoint to attend that meeting

as representatives and report -

Summary Answers

Ans 1st -

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held except, four or five. Several of these were omitted on account of inclement weather and sickness. A few were attended by one member only. The hour is nearly observed.

Ans 2^d -

Love and unity are generally maintained. Distraction is guarded against - When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3^d -

With some exception friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train up their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th -

We think friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty.

With some exception in two meetings friends are faithful in maintaining our testimony to a free Gospel ministry.

Ans 5th

The friends of no friends who are
involuntarily signers as a byword, Friends
are generally careful to avoid amusements and
diversions inconsistent with a Christian
character and to observe moderation in all
things.

Ans 6th Care is taken in the several particulars
of this query.

Ans 7th Clear in the maintenance of our
testimony against military matters, so far as
we have knowledge, clear in regard to the taking
of oaths, by our members, and defending the public
lie revenue,

Ans 8th

Friends are mostly careful to comply
with the requirements of this query.

Ans 9th

Nearly clear as to records, some removed
without certificates, which have received attention.

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the
discipline in Christian tenderness, firmly
and impartially.

We have received the past year the London General
 Epistle, Epistles from our sister of other Yearly Meeting
 the Breeding School report; and all documents
 issued by the Yearly Meeting, which have been
 forwarded to our subordinate meetings for
 distribution.

The statistical reports from our several
 Monthly Meetings have been received and read
 and are as follows.

	Births	Deaths	Emigrants	Immigrants	By report	By record of first arrival	Corrected Total	Present membership
Rhode Island	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	171
Fennwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Providence	7	5	2	3	3	3	0	323
Providence	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	211
South Kingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
								835
Total no Last year								833
Gain								2

Educational Statistics

No of children between 4 & 21 - 142

" " " 12 & 21 . 84

attending School 101

taught by Friends 18

Amount raised for missionary work \$134.60

for Western Indians \$32.50

Gospel work " 6.25

Swansea Mo. Meeting informs they ~~are~~ unite with Fall River Preparative Meeting in discontinuing the First-day afternoon meeting held at that place, Providence Mo. Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Daniel Meader to the Station of Elder, which Action has the concurrence of this and the mens meeting and he is accordingly appointed to that station. This meeting united with Swansea Mo Meeting in the appointment of Phoebe H. Allen worthy to the Station of Elder, Men Friends concurring therewith.

Sarah Caroline Tobey Vice President of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society had presented her annual report of the work carried on within our limits which was listened to with interest and we were encouraged thereby to continue in this great work.

Annual report of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society

Reports have been received from the six auxiliaries composing the W. F. M. S. of Rhode Island & quarterly meeting from which the following Summary has been prepared.

- 1 Name W. F. M. S. of R. I. Quarterly Meeting
- 2 Address of Corresponding Secretary
- 3 Have meetings been regularly held and what has been your usual order of exercises.

Meetings have been regularly held except in two auxiliaries, They are opened by Scripture

reading and prayer, followed by a business meeting and missionary reading.

The uniform Dresson is frequently used by two of the auxiliaries & number of women in your District meeting over 15 years of age. 500

6 How many of these are members of the M. E. M. E. 83

7 Number of members enrolled 103

8 Number paying 50 cts 102

9 Number paying 25 cts 1

10 Amount of money raised during the year ending both the 1st - \$429.15

11 How raised? By membership fees, contributions, Bible fairs, Suppers, Sales, and other sources.

12 Cont. of money sent to Treasurer of Executive Board \$348.71

13 Cont. of money used for current expenses and for material \$80.42

14 Do our missions at Mamallah and in the Indian Territory receive your first-attention? They do.

15 What other have you helped? None, with the exception of one auxiliary which has helped the Philbrook mission under J. Bishop.

16 Do you observe the first Sabbath in each month as a special prayer for missions in accordance with the General call? In one auxiliary only

17 Do you carry on the work of the Department?

of Systematic Giving? General Literature and Junior and Juvenile Work under the care of superintendents? Systematic Giving is carried on by two auxiliaries, General Literature by four, Junior and Juvenile work by two. One auxiliary reports a box of garments for Benallah, sent to Boston last month to be forwarded from there, and another a box of dry goods sent for the same object in response to the call in First month of this year.

One auxiliary speaks of lack of interest in mission work in many members of their society stating at the same time that the members of the N. Y. M. S. are earnest workers. While thankful that so many are showing an interest in this department of Christian work we would gladly see all realizing more fully its privileges. We are struck by the disparity of numbers between the membership of the District Meeting and the membership of the N. Y. M. S. Some of the reports however speak of a scattered membership which will partly account for it. While we should be glad of an increase of numbers in this organization, we must remember that all are not called to labor in precisely the same way. But everything that is done for the love of Christ works to the same end. Whether Paul plant or Apollus water God gives the increase.

In closing this report I cannot refrain from alluding to the loss which our Society has sustained in the death of our beloved Correspondent.

- being Secretary. From our first organization
she rendered willing service, physically & mentally
not deterring her from constant work. When the
sufferings came she was found with the harrow
on - her lamp trimmed and burning.

So may we also be found ready and
in our work when the call comes for us to enter
into the joy of our Lord.

Sarah Caroline Nobey
Secy. Pres. of W. F. M. S. for Rhode Island & Med.

A draft of a petition has been received from
the mens meeting as follows.

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress assembled.

The petition of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
a Branch of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England.

Respectfully represents that in common
with our fellow members of this religious society
wherever located we view with deep regret concern
and regret whatever tends to waste our national
resources to promote war or to foster the military
spirit. That solicitous for the prosperity and honor
of our beloved country we therefore respectfully entreat
you to reject the recommendations of the Senate
Naval Committee and other measures which
propose large expenditures for the navy for the
so-called coast defences and other warlike expenditure
- all of which we regard as a menace to the peace

and security of the nation.

As Representatives of a Christian people and of States united to mutual advantage, may you rather be encouraged to extend the blessing as to be instrumental in promoting a union of the Nations and in advancing the reign of universal Peace on Earth good will to men.

With which this meeting fully united and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

Memoranda

Mary Alice Gifford a minister and member of Rhode Island Mo. Meeting died 5th Mo. 16th 1889 in the 48 years of her age.

Josiah Chace an Elder and member of the same meeting died 4th Mo 12th 1889 in the 87 years of his age.

Charlotte D. Holmes a member and minister of Providence Mo Meeting died 6th & 9th 1889 in the 62 years of her age.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet at Newport in 8th Mo next if permitted.

Louisa P. Meader Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Common Friends held at Newport - 8th Mo 7th 1889.

By written accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are at Galion, Wyo.

Rhode Island, Alice Mary Eunice N. Green,
Swansea, Harriette S. Thove, Mary E. Plenson
and Cynthia F. Earle.

Swansea, Rachel B. Chace Isaac C. Skinner and
Elizabeth S. Weston.

Providence Susan Peckham, Chebe R. Gifford and
Ellen H. Buffum.

South Kingstown Mary A. Gould & Eunice N. Cattey,
who being called are present - except 3.

The representatives appointed to attend
the Yearly Meeting report - they all attended.

The Queries with answers to the 1st
2^d and 10th have been read at this time.

Sarah M. Davis. This meeting united with Swansea Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving
of the public ministry of Sarah M. Davis, with which
the mens meeting concurs.

We appoint - Susan Peckham, Alice Mary.

Chebe S. Idelotte and Cynthia F. Earle to unite
with a similar committee of men friends to aid
the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel Work and
also a Committee to aid the Yearly Meetings Committee
in relation to the best method of raising money for the
use of the Yearly Meetings, per advice, as contained
in Minute B page 51 of the printed minutes, viz
Anna L. Manchester, Harriette S. Thove, Rebecca Anthony,
Ellen H. Buffum, and Mary D. Collins.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we
conclude proposing to meet in Fall River in 11th mo
next if permitted, Louise N. Meade Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Fall River 11th Mo. C. P. 1890.

The Representatives from the several
Monthly Meetings from reports received are as follows:
From Rhode Island, Anna L. Manchester, Eunice Green,
Greenwich, Catharine Green, Guilma Greenborn, &
Cynthia J. Carle,

Providence, Susan A. Chace, Mary S. Chace, Sarah M. Croid,
Providence, Susan A. Meader, Susan Peckham, and

Ellen H. Buffum,
South Kingston Mary Anna Gould,
who being called are present;

The Queries with answers to the
1st 2^d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings
have been read at this time,

Greenwich Mo. Meeting informing they are united
in the appointment of Mary Arnold to the station
of Elder also in the appointment of Joseph Anthony
to the same station, and Providence Mo. Meeting
in the appointment of John H. Meader to the same
station which action has the concurrence of this
and the mens meeting.

We unite with men Friends in
raising the sum of \$960. for the use of the 22^d.
Meeting and of appointing Robert P. Gifford Treasurer
of the same.

The time for which the Clerks were
appointed having expired, it is desired that the
Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting
should confer together, and present the names

Two friends to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk
the ensuing year.

Having accomplished the business
coming before us, we conclude, proposing to
meet at Providence in 2 months next if permitted
Louisa B. Meader Clerk,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Women Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 6th 1891.

From the acct-presented to us from
the several mo. Meetings we learn that the Represen^tatives
appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz,
From Rhode Island, Lydia Goddard & Ruth Bethell,
Providence, Harriet A. Thore, & Cynthia J. Carle
Swansea, Esther Chase, Effie Black, Lydia Post,
Elizabeth L. Weston, & Sarah E. Buffinton,
Providence, Adeline C. Mann, & Augusta Battey Anna
A. Meader & Ellen H. Buffum,
South Kingstown Anna A. Gould,

Who being called are present,

The Representatives having conferred
together in relation to the appointment of Clerks
of this meeting for the ensuing year, report they are
united in proposing the name of Louisa B. Meader
for Clerk and Sarah J. Hanson for assistant Clerk,
which being united with they are appointed to that
service for one year, and in pursuance with the
provision of Discipline in relation to holding the
Tr. as a united meeting our Representatives to the
meeting having met in conference with men

Representatives are united in proposing the name of Samuel B. Buffinton for clerk and Louise S. Reader as assistant clerk of said united meetings if held the ensuing year which proposition being united with by this and the mens meeting they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

This meeting united with Ipswich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Effie Black, as a member of the meeting on ministry and oversight men & friends concurring therewith.

Rhode Island Mo Meeting informs they have directed their Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the 2^d Meeting their Quota of Stock called for in 19th Mo last; South Hingston also informs they have directed their Treasurer to pay 38 lbs. their proportion to the 2^d Meeting Treasurer.

Our Beloved Friend Nathan Douglass a Minister attended this meeting and presented satisfactory credentials from Durham Mo. Meeting held 8th Mo 19th 1890, expressing unity with him and his proposed prospect. The Company and Religious Service of this dear aged Friend has been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting a returning minute prepared for him by men & friends.

The Queries from each of our Monthly Meetings with answers, to the 1st 2^d and 10th have been read at this time. Having accomplished the business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet in Greenwich in 6th Mo. next if permitted Louise S. Reader
Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich 6th Mo 7th 1891

By accounts received from the
several monthly meetings we are informed that the
following friends have been appointed representatives
to this meeting by

Rhode Island, Louisa A. Green and Hannah C. Borden
Greenwich Harriet A. Shaw Cynthia J. Carle
Johnson Elizabeth A. Gordon Anna B. Chace
Rachel C. Chace, & Phoebe S. Adelotte,

Providence, Susan Peckham, J. Caroline Tohey
and Elizabeth A. Lifford,

South Kingstown Dorcas E. Babcock, & Elizabeth A.
Perry who being called are present except one for
whom a satisfactory reason is given,

The Queries with answers ~~to~~ from
each of our Mo. Meetings have been sent and a
summary prepared and approved by this meeting
which we forward to the next Yearly Meeting to be
held at Portland Maine, by our friends whom we
appoint to attend that meeting as representatives
and report - viz. Phoebe S. Adelotte, Louisa A. Meader
Electa J. Collins Harriet J. Collins Rachel C. Chace
Cynthia J. Carle, Catharine Green Sarah E. Buffinton
Anna B. Macomber, Elizabeth A. Lifford Sarah J. Hanson
and Ellen M. Atwater,

We have received the past year the London General
Epistle, Epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings
The Boarding School report - and all documents
issued - by the Yearly Meeting, which have been forwarded

to our subordinate for distribution.

Summary of Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except 19 of the former, omitted generally in acct. of sickness and inclement weather.

Those on First Day mornings are well attended other meetings not so fully attended.

The hour is nearly observed.

Ans 2^d

With little exception love and unity are maintained, and detraction guarded against.

Ans 3^d

There is a care with Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation and to train their children and others, both by example and precept in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th

Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as directed with little exception and also encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Not quite clear in regard to our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, with a few exceptions Friends avoid amusements and diversions not consistent with a Christian character.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Greenwich 5th Mo 7th 1891

By accounts received from the
several monthly meetings we are informed that the
following friends have been appointed representatives
to this meeting viz

Rhode Island, Lavinia A. Green and Hannah L. Borden
Greenwich Harriet A. Thore Cynthia J. Carle
Hanson Elizabeth J. Spaldon Anna B. Chace
Michael P. Chace, & Phoebe G. Adolotte,

Providence, Susan Peckham, J. Caroline Tobey
and Elizabeth A. Gifford,

South Kingstown Dorcas E. Babcock, & Elizabeth A.
Perry who being called are present except one for
whom a satisfactory reason is given,

The Queries with answers thereto from
each of our Mo. Meetings have been sent and a
summary prepared and approved by this meeting
which we forward to the next Yearly Meeting to be
held at Portland Maine, by our friends whom we
appoint to attend that meeting as representatives
and report viz, Phoebe G. Adolotte, Lavinia A. Meader
Electa J. Collins, Harriet J. Collins Michael P. Chace
Cynthia J. Carle, Catharine Green Sarah E. B. Effington
Anna B. Macomber, Elizabeth A. Gifford Sarah J. Hanson
and Ellen M. Adolotte,

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June 6th in, and observe moderation in all things.
 The several parts of this group
 have received the necessary care,
 June 7th and testimony is maintained against
 bearing arms and other military matters,
 against oaths and against defrauding the
 public revenue.
 June 8th The requirements of this
 group are nearly observed.
 June 9th We are careful in regard to records,
 some removed without certificates,
 June 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the
 discipline in Christian tenderness timely
 and impartially.

The statistical reports from our several
 meetings have been received and read and
 are as follows viz.

	Births	Deaths	Persons into	Persons out of	admitted by report	Persons discontinued	Members
Rhode Island,	0	2	2	10	8	1	168
Greenwich	0	5	1	4	0	0	61
Providence	5	2	9	6	6	0	336
Providence	0	2	5	2	2	4	200
S. Huntington	1	2	4	0	6	0	90
							844
							853
							9

Educational Statistics

No of Children between 4 and 21	-	139
" " " " 12 " 21		84
" Attending School		104
Baptist or converted by Bapt		17
No between 12 & 21	" "	13

Funds raised for Syrian work \$53.45⁰⁰
 For Western Indians - 45.26⁰⁰
 " Gospel Work 12.00

Which several sums have been directed to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the respective Committees as by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting united with Providence Mo. Meeting in appointing Thomas J. Battey and Thomas Chace to the Station of Elder, and with Rhode Island Mo. Meeting in appointing John S. Kimber, Woodrow H. Macomber, Mary H. Goff, Mary A. Phaman, Lydia H. Chace, John B. Cornell, Isaac B. Manchester, Richard P. Macomber, Anna B. Macomber, Anna L. Manchester, Joseph E. Macomber, Nelson H. Reed, Hannah C. Borden, George H. Chace, Mary H. Macomber, Abbie A. Macomber, Eben H. Beal, Robert H. Wetherell, Benjamin A. Lee, Mary E. Kimber, M. Melissa Clark, Maria S. Dorr, Winfield Lissman, Eunice A. Green, Martha Wetherell, and with Ipswich in the appointment of Charles E. Dorr, Maria C. C. Dorr, Sarah E. C. Dorr, and

Abby C. Dufford, Catherine Underwood, Mary G.
Boughton, Charles Estey, Benjamin S. Chace
Elizabeth A. Skinner, Lydia Post - Annie S. Chace
Sylvia A. Chace, Effie Fleck Chace, P. Chace
Miriam Boughton Anna R. Chace Charles A. Chace
Sarah J. Macomber.

and with Providence No. Meeting in the
appointment of Samuel Austin, M. Augusta
Batty Susan Peckham Anna A. Reader and
Elizabeth A. Dufford, as associate members of the
Meeting in Ministry and Oversight.

Our beloved friend Sylvia C. Mann a
minister in unity with us said before this meeting
her object of attending to some Gospel service within
the limits of S. Carolina yearly Meeting as expressed
in her minute from Providence No Meeting which
has been united with in this and the Friends
meeting and she liberates to attend to such service
as South may direct and the Clerk is authorized
to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

S. Caroline Tobey vice President of the
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has presented
her report, which has been read, and is satisfactory
and is as follows viz.

The Annual Reports of the Auxiliaries
of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have been received
from which the following Summary has been prepared,

1st Name of Auxiliary
 Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Rhode Island
 Quarterly Meeting.

2nd Addresses of Corresponding Secretaries

3rd Have meetings been regularly held and what has been your usual order of exercises.

Meetings have been regularly held in most of the auxiliaries, Portsmouth reports them discontinued for nine weeks on account of revival meetings.

The meetings are opened by Scripture reading and prayer, and in some cases singing, followed by a business meeting. Two auxiliaries report

holding meetings. Missionary intelligence is read, either printed matter or letters from the workers in the field. One Auxiliary reports the use of the uniform Lesson given in the Advocate -

4th No. of Women in your Quarterly Meeting over 18 years of age. — 386

5th How many of these are members of the W. F. M. S. — 106.

6th Number of members enrolled — 152

a " paying 50 cts 137

b " " 25 cts 3

7th Amount of money raised during the year ending Fourth Mo 1st 1891. — \$766.42

8 How raised

By membership fees, donations, suppers, missionary sales, money, barrels, collections and voluntary contributions.

9 Amt of money sent to Treasurer of Executive Board \$510.29

10th amt. of money raised, used for current-
expended and for material \$129.08

11th Do our missions at Wamallah and in the
Indian Territory receive your first attention?
Then do

12 What others have you helped?
No others.

13 Do you observe the first Sabbath in each month
as a season of special prayer for missions in
accordance with the General Council?

It is observed regularly in one auxiliary
and by individuals in another, not observed by
the other auxiliaries

14 Do you carry on the work of the Department
of Systematic Christian Giving General Literature
and Junior and Juvenile Work, under the care
of Superintendents?

On Auxiliary reports a Superintendent
for the Department of Systematic Christian Giving
three report Superintendents of General Literature
and two report Superintendents of Junior and
Juvenile Work

This year we can report seven instead
of six auxiliaries in our Quarterly Meeting it having
been thought best to divide the Rhode Island Auxiliary
forming from it: one for North and one for
Newport. The two missions under our immediate
care, Wamallah in Syria and the Tadas and
Pichapass among the Indians have received
contributions in money clothing bedding and

books. The amount of money raised in the auxiliaries show a considerable increase over last year and indicate a growing interest in the work.

Cheering reports come from our workers in the field and we feel like encouraging each other to press forward, laboring more and more earnestly working in the power of the Lord.

Sarah Caroline Tobey
Vice Pres. of the W. B. M. S.
For R. S. L. Meeting;

Memoranda

Edward Colling a Minister died 8th Mo 6th 1890 age 64 years 3 months & 18 days.

Ruth Colling an Elder died 12th Mo 1st 1890 age 76 years 6 mo & 3 days. Both were members of South Plimpton Mo. Meeting.

Benjamin B. Snowles an Elder and member of Providence Mo. Meeting died 5th Mo 18th 1890 age 76 years 7 mo. & 14 days.

In the transaction of the business that has come before us this day we have deeply realized the need of our Heavenly Father's ~~case~~ help and as we conclude we would praise his name that his loving care has been extended over us all and adjourn to meet at Newport in 8th Mo next if permitted

Louisa R. Meader Clerk

At Rhode Island 2^d Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport - 8th Mo. 1891.

By reports from the different Mo
Meetings we are informed that the Representatives
appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz;
Rhode Island Mary C. Kimball,
Providence Alice C. Earle, Catherine Pease,
Swansea Esther Chace, Phebe J. Agelotte,
Providence Rachel P. Chace,
Providence Susan Cushman, Louisa H. Meader
and Elizabeth A. Gifford,
South Kingston Mary C. Babcock, & Harriet L.
Collins. Who being called are present -

The Representatives appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting report they attended except two who
were prevented by sickness.

The Queries with answers to the 1st & 2^d & 3rd
have been read at this time.

We appoint - Mary C. Jones, Alice C. Earle
Esther Chace Elizabeth A. Gifford and Clara M. Perry
to unite with a similar Committee of men Friends
to aid the Yearly Meeting Committee on Gospel work
and request that the 2^d Meeting shall call the
attention of all their Mo. Meetings to the second
paragraph on page 54 of the printed minutes of
this year. This meeting is informed that the time
of holding the 2^d Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
at Providence in second Mo. is changed from
11 A.M. to 2 P.M. A request from Swansea
Mo. Meeting that time be taken for Lunch at the

Close of the meeting for worship has claimed our attention and we unite with our friends in setting apart one hour for the same,

Having accomplished the business coming before us at this time we would with heart-felt thankfulness acknowledge that the overshadowing presence of Him has been with us today to counsel guide and direct and to bring us into closer and sweeter bonds together, committing our hearts in his love, we conclude proposing to meet in Fall River in 11th Mo next if permitted

Louisa N. Meader

Clerk.

At-Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River 11th Mo 8th 1891

By reports presented from the several Mo. Meetings we are informed that the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

Rhode Island Anna L. Manchester & Eunice G. Green
Greenwich Harriet A. Shore and Catharine Green,
Swansea Sarah C. Skinner Esther Chace, Eliza Ann
Pisson Sarah C. Buffinton Anna H. Chace,

Providence Louisa N. Meader, Elizabeth A. Thomas
and Susan Peckham

South Kingston Anna S. Gould,

Who being called are present except B. Orendending on excuse of sickness in her family.

The Queries with approved answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th have been read at this time,

Greenwich the Meeting informs they unite
with Coventry Meeting in asking that all meetings
for religious worship and discipline be suspended
at that place during 12 Mo 1891 and 1st 2nd 3rd Mo
1892. which information is united with.

The request from B. I. and J. Dansey
the Meetings that hereafter all of our L. Meetings
may be held in United Meetings, having been
fully considered the use of the opinion that the
time has not yet arrived when it would be best
to hold them in that way men friends concurring
therewith.

We appoint Susan Peckham Mary Kenyon
Phoebe E. Sydelotte Electa J. Collins and Ellen H. Buffum
Cyrtia J. Earle and Alice C. Earle, to unite with a
similar committee of men friends to encourage such
legislation as may promote the ~~abolition~~ abolition
of the liquor traffic.

We have at this time the company of our
friend Leif Gregory a minister who presented a
minute of unity from Salem Iowa the Meeting
endorsed by Salem L. Meeting. His company and
service have been acceptable to us and the Clerk
is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting a returning
minute prepared by men friends. Also our dear friend
Mary Knight from England is acceptably with us
with our minute.

The proposition that a recess of one
hour, be taken for lunch, between our meeting for
worship at all of our L. Meetings, has met with approval,

The time for which the Clerks were appointed, having expired the Representatives to the next Meeting are desired to confer together and present the name of two friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

We have at this time been earnestly reminded of our responsibility to God and to one another, and of the necessity of a constant and closer communion with him and as we separate may we treasure these things in our hearts, resolved to do whatever our hands find to do, and in conclusion we adjourn proposing to meet in Providence in 2 Month 1892 if the Lord permit.

Louisa McAdams Clerk.

At the Island meeting we
remembered held at Providence the

By accounts received from the
at no meetings we learn that the friends
and friends are appointed to attend this meeting
at Providence.

Island Mary & Emma and Mrs
and Mrs. and Mrs. and Mrs.

and Mrs. and Mrs. and Mrs.

Providence Susan, William & Elizabeth and
South Division Harriette G. Brown.

No being called we have not a great one.

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Annual * Report

OF THE

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

OF THE

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF
NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,

To the Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BEFORE MO. 18 , TO

Make your reports of everything to the first of Fourth Month of each year, and let the answers to Nos. 3, 8, 11, 13, 14 and 16 be full and explicit.

1. Name of Auxiliary,

*Women's Foreign Missionary Society of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,*

2. Address of Corresponding Secretary,

3. Have meetings been regularly held, and what has been your usual order of exercises? *Meetings have been regularly held in several of the auxiliaries. Where not so held, satisfactory reasons have been given. The meetings are opened by devotional exercises followed by reports from officers & committees. Reading on Missionary Subjects, reports of Scripture and study of the Uniform Lesson in the Advocate are reported. Two of the auxiliaries have serving meetings following.*

4. Number of women in your Monthly Meeting over 18 years of age, *360.*

5. How many of these are members of the W. F. M. S.? *103.*

6. Number of members enrolled, *140.*

a. Number paying 50 cents, *135.*

b. Number paying 25 cents, *5.*

7. Amount of money raised during the year ending Fourth Month 1st, *\$508.05*

8. How raised? *By membership fees, donations, private sales, collections, free-will offerings, suppers, money barrels and mite boxes.*

9. Amount of money sent to Treasurer of Executive Board, *\$416.68*

10. Amount of money used for current expenses and for material, *\$36.86* *Beside this \$32.30 sent to Elizabeth Larkin for Lina Lunt and a little money in some of the treasurers accounts for the difference in the total amount raised and that sent to the Treasurer.*

11. Do our missions at Ramallah and in the Indian Territory receive your first attention? *They do.*

Beside money, contributions of clothing and useful articles have been sent to both of these missions.

12. What others have you helped?

Blue Ridge Mission - North Carolina.

13. Do you observe the first Sabbath in each month as a season of special prayer for missions in accordance with the General Call?

Not collectively. It is observed by some individuals.

14. Do you carry on the work of the Departments of Systematic Christian Giving, General Literature, and Junior and Juvenile Work, under the care of Superintendents?

One of the auxiliaries carry on the work of these three departments. One, that of Junior and Juvenile work only, and one, that of General Literature only.

15. The Treasurer of each Auxiliary is requested to make up her annual report for the Treasurer of the Executive Board to the first of Fourth Month of each year, also sending a duplicate copy to the Quarterly Meeting Vice President. (No. 15 is now a part of the Constitution.)

16. Remarks.

On some of our auxiliaries the membership is widely scattered and holding meetings is very difficult and

at times impossible. Still the interest
in the cause is maintained and all
seem glad to do what they can.

Letters or extracts from them, from the
different mission fields are gladly
received by the auxiliaries and add
much interest to the meetings.

Sarah Caroline Foley
Vice Pres. of the W. F. M. S.
for N. J. Co. Mtg.

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the men friends in addition the lady
and the woman and the children and the
monthly meeting

It is a pleasure to the committee of the
the President of the church and the
we note with interest that
the church has promoted their organization
and it is satisfactory to us
and is a good thing.

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At Rhode Island Co Meeting of
Women Friends held at Newport - 8th Mo 4th 1892

From accounts received from the
different Mo. Meetings we learn that the
Representatives are as follows viz.

Rhode Island Sarah P. Anthony & Margaret
Sherman

Greenwich, Catharine Green & Alice C. Earle
Swansea, Elizabeth J. Newton, & Rachel W. Chace
Providence Emma A. Meade & Ellen M. Alden
South Kingston, Flet. Jane Collins & Eunice
R. Butler. Who being called are all present.

The Representatives appointed at our last
meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting report - they
attended.

The Queries with answers to the 1st Q. and 10th
have been read at this time.

We have at this time the company of
our dear aged friend Sam Johnson, who presented
a minute from Plainfield Mo. Meeting endorsed
by Plainfield N. Meeting Indiana also our dear
friends John B. Hanson and his wife Alice Hanson
with a minute from Mt. Vernon, South Dak
and our dear friend Seneca H. Stevens from
Barnham Mo Meeting held at East Barnham
Providence of Quebec 4th Mo 2nd 1892, Endorsed by
Newburg Mo Meeting held at Berisburg Vermont

The company and Gospel Labors of
these dear friends have been very acceptable
and encouraging to us and the Clerk is

directed to sign returning minutes prepared by men friends on their account.

We appoint - Elizabeth J. Newton, Esther Chace and Catharine Green to unite with a similar Committee of men friends to nominate a Superintendent of Bible Schools.

The nominating Committee having conferred together propose the name of Mary J. Chace for Superintendent of Bible Schools which meets the approval of this meeting and she is therefore appointed for that service.

Slips of the changes in the Discipline have been received for insertion in the Book of Discipline.

With grateful hearts we would acknowledge the overshadowing presence of our Heavenly Father and return thanks for the many blessings showered down upon us this day and conclude proposing to meet in Fall River in 11^{mo} next - if the Lord permit -

Louisa S. Meader Clerk.

At a S. I. Ladies Socy. Meeting of Women
Friends held at Wall River 11th Mo 3rd 1892

By reports from the several Monthly
meetings we are informed that the following
Friends were appointed to attend this meeting
as representatives viz.

From Rhode Island Eunice H. Green,

Anna L. Manchester and Sarah Crockett,

East Greenwich Paulina Beebe,

East Wrentham and Cynthia G. Clark,

Providence Sarah C. Buffinton, Esther Chase,

Anna R. Chase, Effie Black & Elizabeth L. Weston

Providence Anna S. Boden Hannah L. Ladd

North Kingston Elizabeth M. Perry.

These being called are present except three

The Clerk being absent Susan Peckham
was appointed to serve as Clerk and Sarah J. Hanson
as Assistant Clerk for the day.

The queries have been read and out-
answers, in accordance with the change in the
discipline directed by our last Yearly Meeting.

We have with us at this time our dear
Friends E. M. and Susan C. Thompson ministers
of the gospel with a minute of benediction read—
Benedicting the Meeting, their company and service
have been very acceptable to us.

The following Friends having been
appointed to assist in the ministry of the meeting
in ministry and oversight viz

Mary West L. Thorman,
Anna L. Manchester
Joseph H. Southorn
John G. Goddard
Mary C. Thorman
Robert W. Northwick
John Westland,
Mary A. Thorman
Annie Bush

George Mathew Thorne
Hannah C. Bush
Hannah C. Thorne
Mary C. Thorman
Charles Stillman
Albert C. Thorne
Benjamin C. Thorman
Sarah Thorne
Ellsworth G. Macomber

And Abie A. Macomber.

This meeting united with those previously in
adjoining session as to these appointments for
three months.

The time for which the Clerks were
appointed having expired the Representatives
to the next Quarterly Meeting we desired to confer
together and present the names of two friends to
serve as clerk and assistant clerk for the ensuing
year.

With a feeling of gratitude for the many
blessings which we have received this day from
the Lord and with an earnest desire
to be spared and to go forth in His service
we conclude proposing to meet at Providence
at the 1st. & 2d. of the Fall term.

Susan Peckham
Clerk for the day

At the Quarterly Meeting of the
Church held at Providence on the 24th 1873

The several No. Meetings report that
they have appointed the following persons to
attend this meeting as their Representatives
viz &c

Rhode Island Anna L. Marchant, Emma H.
Green & Mary C. Chamber.

Providence, R.I. of which both were chosen
and Maria L. Stone

Warren R.I. Grace Phoebe L. Lathrop
and Anna L. Stone

Providence R.I. Phoebe L. Lathrop, Anna L. Lathrop
P. Caroline Coley

Providence R.I. Phoebe L. Lathrop, Anna L. Lathrop
P. Caroline Coley

The meeting called to present - except me.
The Representatives inform they conferred together
and propose the appointment of Maria L. Lathrop
for Clerk and Emma L. Lathrop as Assistant Clerk
which being agreed they are appointed to that
service the ensuing year.

The men and women Representatives having been
conferred together are united in proposing
Thomas L. Lathrop as Clerk and Emma L. Lathrop
as Assistant Clerk, of the united meetings should
any be held as such which also is united with in
this and the next meeting and they are appointed
for that service for one year.

The Ladies have all been called at this time.

Therefore in meeting with us they are
 assisted in proposing the names of the
 Lord for the station of the Lord with which
 this meeting united I am friends concerning
 these with. They also presented a revised list of
 associate members of the meeting on Ministry and
 Oversight with which, this and the new meeting
 unite and they are as follows, viz.

Samuel Austin M. Augusta Boston
 Anna A. Reader Susan Beckham Utica N. Y.
 George P. Wallace Hedy Allen R. H. Hester
 Elizabeth A. Clifford & Aseneth Estlin

A list of associate members of the meeting
 on Ministry and Oversight has been presented from
 R. H. Hester at this time viz

John H. Hester, James H. Hester,
 Jacob Hester, John H. Hester, Susan
 Cordelia Lawrence, Anne Hester,
 Laura Gisson, Hannah C. Borden,
 Anna Hester, Joseph Hester,
 William Hester, Robert H. Hester,
 Lydia H. Hester & Margaret Hester

Emilee A. Green

and after much weighty consideration his meeting
 has come to the conclusion that they cannot unite
 either with this list or with the one presented
 last 22, which was referred for decision to this and
 unite with men & friends on an independent
 postscriptment of the same and appoint
 Harriet G. Collins Sarah G. Hester, Ellen H. Hester

Phoebe S. Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, & Effie
to unite with the existing committee & then proceed
to visit N. E. No Meeting in Christian Cove
then friends who constitute a joint committee
for the year. Mary & Elizabeth Chadwick, Charles
Charles H. Cole, Robert H. Colford, Augustine Jones
James S. Butler, Charles A. Gore, & John H. Beach.

Having accomplished the business
coming before us at this time we conclude
provisionally to meet at Greenwich in 5th Mo next
if the Lord permit -

Louise N. Meader Clerk

At the S. E. Meeting of Women held at
Greenwich 5th Mo 1841.

By reports from the several health
meetings we are informed that the following
Friends were appointed to attend this meeting
as representatives viz

From W. Island Anne Dick Maria V. Leachman
and Annice N. Brown.

From Greenwich Cynthia Todd Sylvia S.
Dyball & Elizabeth A. Brown.

Providence Elizabeth S. Butler & Ellen Chase
Richard H. Lyford Louise N. Meader
& Caroline Tobey.

South Weymouth Harriet D. Collins and

Mary Anna Gould,

these being called in present report from us

of which a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers to each given at the last meeting. A summary of which has been approved by this meeting which with other extracts from the minutes of the same the Clerk is directed to forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for information, and to appoint our friends

Philip H. Lifford, Thos. Lubbock, Sarah, Thomas, Henry Astes, Matthias H. Gidd, Cynthia of Erie, Charles D. Collins, L. H. Reader, Maria C. Brown, Esther Chace

as Representatives from this meeting, to attend the same.

We have received the past year the London General Epistle, Epistles from our Sisters of other Yearly Meetings, the report of the Yearly Meeting Committee and the documents issued by the Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to our subordinate meetings for distribution

Summary of Answers

Ans 1st - All our meetings for religious teaching and discipline have been regularly held of all kind. With some exception in each meeting all kinds attend on duty and at the hour appointed.

Ans 2^d - With little exception in two meetings Love and Unity are maintained. Distraction guarded against, and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Ques 1st The Society's great friends are careful to maintain
a religious life and conversation. Those having
children do they make their care endeavor to
be able and prompt to bring them up in
reverence with an Christian profession.

Ans 1st Best friends are careful to read
the Holy Scriptures individually as well as
collectively in their families and encourage
them in the daily practice of this important
duty. Our testimony to coffee & spirit ministry
is continued except in our meetings.

Ques 2nd The Society's friends abstain from the
use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Ans 2nd Carefully careful to avoid amusements
inconsistent with a Christian character and
to observe true moderation in all things.

Ques 3rd The circumstances of the poor and of
such as appear likely to need assistance are
thoroughly inspected and their necessities relieved.

Ans 3rd When necessary they are assisted in finding
employment and in educating their children.

Ques 4th Friends are careful to maintain
their testimony in regard to the several parts
of this query.

Ans 4th The Society's friends frequently inspect
their affairs and settle their accounts, be punctual
to payments, just in the payment of their debts and
suffered to live within the limits of their
circumstances.

Meeting attended to, a few confidential
 committees of which some are in town,

Friends endeavor to administer
 the discipline, in Christian tenderness, kindly
 and impartially except in one meeting

The statistical reports from our several
 meetings have been read and are as follows viz.

	Dea	Bapt	Episcopal	Presby	Rev	Unconnected	Present
Worcester	8	4	0	0	0	0	215
Greenwich	2	1	0.0	0	0	1	46
Swansea	3	4	0.0	0	23	1	320
Boston	6	1	1.0	2	7	2	188
Southampton	2	1	0.0	0	1	1	82
							<hr/> 849
Total no. last year							885
						Loss	36

Educational Statistics

No of children between 4 & 21	149
12 & 21	90
Attending School	110
" Taught by Friends	14
Attending Friends School between 12 & 21	14

The following Friends having been approved
 by the Yearly Meeting as members of the meeting
 on Ministry and Oversight, this meeting united

at which the business should be
transacted and we unite with our friends
in presenting the report -

The Report of the Committee appointed
to visit - N. E. is as follows -

At the 1st. Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at the house of Mr. -

Dear Friends

Your committee to visit in
England were met at the meeting of Friends
held at the house of Mr. -

Eight of the Committee were
present at their last Mo. Meeting and would
thankfully acknowledge it was a season of
special favor from the Lord. The Mo. Meeting
were enabled to agree on a report of names for
the meeting on ministry and oversight -

There still remains a divided
feeling in the meeting that seems to call for
further labor

In behalf of Committee

Joseph H. Hedges

Harriet D. Collins

was accepted but it was thought best to
continue the same Committee for further
service.

We have with us at this time
our dear friend L. Hedges who is minister
with a number of friends from Springfield Mo. Meeting
invited to be labored by Joseph Hedges &c.

Ministry
Committee
at the meeting

The business and service connection was
explained and the roll is decided to
sign a petition minute prepared for him by
Ben Yersky.

The report from the vice president
of the American Foreign Mission Society has been
read and is satisfactory to this meeting.

Report of the American Foreign
Mission Society of the last meeting

Have meetings been regularly held and
what has been your usual order of exercises?

Answer: We are holding meetings regularly and
I am glad that they have been successful. We
are holding them in our hall and are getting
the meetings are conducted in the usual
manner. We are holding the local society
for the purpose of collecting taken up at
the meetings and for the purpose of the local
society.

Number of members in last quarterly meeting
was 18 first of age

How many of these are members of the
A.M. B. M. S. S. 80

Number of members enrolled 117

No paying books 114

used - a member died during the year
ending March 1st first - \$500.23

Have aided
 by membership fees, donations, gifts,
 letters, collections and miscellane-
 ous. Amount of money sent to the Bureau of Education
 about \$1500.00

Amount of money used for current-expenses and
 for material \$16.17

Obtained for current-expenses \$15.66
 Do you find any of the material used in the
 Indian Territory receive your first attention
 they do.

What others have you helped?
 Not any with the exception of one mission
 which has helped the Blue Ridge Mission.

Do you observe the first-Fabbath in
 each month as a season of special prayer
 for missions in accord with the Council call?

This is observed in one mission only.
 Do you carry on the work of the Department
 of Systematic Christian Union, Church Education
 and Service and the Service Work, under the
 care of Superintendents?

The work of the Department of Systematic Christian
 Union is carried on in the Territory under a
 Superintendent, but by several individuals.

What of General Education in form
 and Service and the Service Work in form
 although it was given up in last part of the
 year in one of them owing to the death of the
 Superintendent.

One auxiliary reports that they organized 4's
year but have held no meetings.

They have collected some money which will
be given to our General Treasurer, but they consider
their auxiliary laid down.

Resolution that we are able to carry
over the amount for our 4's and our number of
Auxiliaries six instead of seven.

Thank Caroline for
the 4's of the A. F. M. S. for
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The following communication from a Special
Representative Meeting held at Lynn Mass. 4th Mo 1898
has been received for information.

To Rhode Island Qr Meeting of Friends.
At a Special Representative Meeting
held in Lynn Mass. 4th Mo 18th/98

The Committee appointed in 8th Mo last
in reference to holding our next yearly meeting in
Lynn Mass. finding that there are legal
obstructions in the way of holding the yearly meeting
at Lynn this year. This meeting in accordance with
instructions given in minute to 26 of our last
yearly meeting now decides and directs that our
next yearly meeting be held at Portland Maine
at the usual time.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Thos. C. Peckham
Clerk for the time

Swansea Mo. Meeting informs that
 Sarah M. Davis a member and minister of that
 meeting has been released from membership at
 her own request.

Erinice Estes a member and Elder of
 Swansea Mo. Meeting died 2nd Mo 7th /93
 aged 84 years 4 mos. & 4 days.

Having accomplished the
 business coming before us at this time, we
 conclude proposing to meet at Newport in
 8 mo next if the Lord permit -

Wm. A. Barker Clerk.

At-Rhode Island 2nd Meeting of Women
 Friends held at Newport - 8th Mo 3rd /93

The Representatives from the several
 Monthly Meetings according to reports received are
 as follows:

From Rhode Island Lydia S. Goddard and Abigail

Manchester and Cordelia Lawrence

Providence Mary C. Davis and Lydia S. Goddard

Providence Green & Cynthia C. Davis

Providence Mary C. Davis, and Lydia S. Goddard

Anna S. Chace

Providence Maria S. Goddard Ellen C. Goddard &

Jessie C. Goddard

From N. H. Elizabeth M. Davis & Maria J. Davis

who having called are present except - 3.

The representatives appointed by the meeting
 to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport are reported by Maria J. Davis

With the exception of 1899,
the period have all been read at this
time.

The committee appointed in the case of
Anna M. Chase have presented the following
report viz.

To Rhode Island Lr. Meeting of
Friends

Dear Friends

The your Committee of 5th Mrs. Ladd
in the case of Anna M. Chase have attended to our
appointment -

From reasons which in New York
Courtney she has given us we are united in
opinion that their position cannot
consistently approve of the appointment as are
associated members of the meeting in Ministry
and Oversight.

Respectfully,
Yours &c

Cynthia J. Carle
Hannah C. Ladd
Sarah J. Hanson
Charles H. Ladd
Robert B. Lyford
John C. Chase

which is being satisfactory to the meeting and
is accepted and the Committee were released from
further service, mentioned concerning therein
the joint-term, the Committee appointed in 1899
are continuing for further service before the

Louisa H. Meader Clark

Anderson Anderson Anderson Anderson
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the being called we all present. The men and
~~even friends~~ After the reading of the
 message, minutes, the men and friends
 returned to meet in Third-Street

Apportionment of Stock
Among the Monthly Meetings
constituting Rhode Island
Swedish Meeting adopted
8th mo 1702.

Rhode Island	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Providence	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Swansea	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Dranoch	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Total	100 %

Records of Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
as a united meeting after 1893.

The following records beginning T. no. 1705 are
a continuation of the records in a large
book covering the business of the Men's meeting
from 1872 to 1893, and of the united body till
T. no. 1905.

Eight Month, 1905

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport, 8 and 3rd 1905.

By the accounts from our Monthly
Meetings the representatives are from
Rhode Island

Fredrika Botli David J. Hutchinson Isaac
B. Macomber and Emma A. Holman.

Greenwich

Anna Moritt Christopher A. Snapper, Alice
C. Stephens, Carrie G. Buffinton C. Anna Tucker,
Lula Scott.

Swansea

Charles Chace, Charles Esbs Nancy A. C. Chace
Emma C. Aydelott Frances R. Esbs, Simon
A. Lathue.

Providence

Willis K. White, Sarah J. Hanson, John
A. and Sara Pickham.

who were present except six.

The choir being absent Susan Pickham
was appointed to serve for the day, with
Robert S. Aydelott as assistant.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report
that they attended except two.

The Committee on nominations ^{and for other purposes} reported the following.
J^{rn} Treasurer Charles R. Chace.

Clerks Laura B. Aydelott.

Thomas B. Butler Susan Pickham.

The treasurer's report has been recited and found
correct. the cash on hand being \$57.70 fifty seven dollars

The Evangelistic Committee
of Rhode Island quarterly
meeting, met and organized
at Newport, 8th mo. 2nd
1905, with Charles E. Chase
as Chairman.

Mary E. Skinner was
appointed Secretary for
the ensuing year.

Paylessville and Anthony
reported a need of
more Sabbath School
teachers. The latter has
a very flourishing Sabbath
School.

East Greenwich appeared

a desire to have a visit
from Miss McPherson.
The offering taken at
the quarterly meeting
for the use of the Evangel-
istic Committee, was
\$21.68.

Fifty dollars, was
appropriated by the
quarterly meeting for
the Evangelistic Committee.
Henry C. Aydelott was
authorized to draw on
the treasury for arrears
for work at Stafford

Road.

Twenty five dollars is
to be reserved for Jesse
McPherson for work
in Greenwich monthly
meeting, subject to the
call of the Chairman
and Secretary. The
balance to be used
for Anthony particular
meeting.

The Committee expects
to systematize the

work, and use all
available workers.
Adjourned to meet
at the close of the
meeting on Wednesday
and Thursday in
Fall River, fourth
day 11.1.1903.
Mary E. Knicker Ly

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Me. Sixth Month 23 - 27 1905.

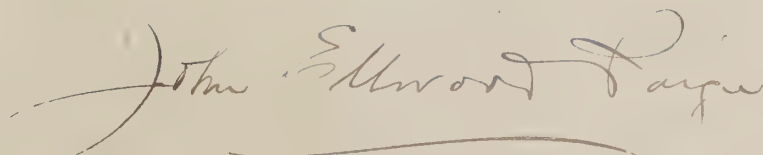
Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee it was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the coming year the sum of \$ 2500.00

Our Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, John H. Meader in the usual way viz. one half on or before the first of Eleventh Month, and the remainder on or before the first of Fifth month. The quota of your meeting at 21 % is \$ 525.00

Our Quarterly Meetings are also requested to instruct Monthly Meetings to make their collections of funds for Yearly Meeting apportionments in due season to be forwarded at the times above stated through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the clerks of Monthly Meetings make a record of such instructions, and continue the subject on their records until the report is made that the money has been forwarded.

It is requested that all our meetings take a collection on the second First day in Tenth Month, amounting to at least two cents per member, for the use of committees of the Five Years Meeting.

Taken from the minutes,



Clerk

James M. Smith

Eight Month 1905.

They propose that the sum of \$200 Six hundred dollars be raised for the use of the quarterly meeting the coming year.

This report is accepted, the friends therein named are appointed to their respective offices for the coming year, and the resolutions as to finance are approved. The clerk is directed to inform the quarterly meeting and include the notice from the clerk of our Yearly Meeting as contained in the following communication (appearing in the margin).

V The report of the Evangelistic Committee was presented and accepted.

The treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of 45 cents, and an offering was made for the work amounting to \$22.68, Twenty two & 68/100 Dollars.

The treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting was authorized to pay to the treasurer of the Evangelistic Committee \$50.00 Fifty dollars from the balance in his hands.

VI Our friend, Alice O. Stevens returned at this time the minute granted her in 5 mo last for attendance of New York Yearly Meeting and for this service within its limits and presented an acceptable returning minute from New York Yearly Meeting which is satisfactory to us.

Having been permitted through divine assistance to accomplish the business brought before us, we conclude proposing to meet in 11 mo next in Fall River if the Lord permit.

Susan Dickman
Clerk of the Meeting.

Eleventh Month 1905.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held in
Fall River, 11mo. 2, 1905.

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the representatives to this are
from Rhode Island - Mary Jackson

Emma M. Sherman, Isaac B. Macomber,
Elizabeth Hutchinson and Anna C. Sherman.

I Opening Min. from Y. S. S. S. S. Lydia C. Brinkwater, C. Sumner
Tucker, Anna Merrill, Alice C. Stevens,
Eva Matten, Mary A. Gould, Sarah Carpenter &
Anna F. Brown.

Scituate - Henry C. Applecott, Olga A.
Sisson, Claudia Chase, Herbert F. Skinner,
Ralph Earle, Phineas D. Fletcher, Elizabeth
L. Newton, W. Emma Skinner,

Providence William H. Butler, Thomas
J. Jackson, S. Caroline Tobey, Louisa R. Meader,
Minnie Taylor, Mary A. Hall, Lillian Butler.

All were present except four.

Min. of Service Our dear friend Louisa C. Stevens presented a
H. Stevens minute from Congregational Monthly Meeting, N. H.
endorsed by nine Pastors Quarterly Meeting accrediting
him as a minister of the Gospel and liberating
him from the attendance of N. E. Yearly Meeting, and service
within its limits. His company and services have
been acceptable to us.

III The Evangelistic Committee made their quarterly
Rep. of report, indicating an increasing interest in
Evangelism a portion of the field, and requesting a generous
contribution for the continuance of the work.

Eleventh Month, 1905.

The report has stirred up much interest in the meeting and elicited many practical suggestions, some of which are -

1st The need there is that members should go about to different meetings to become acquainted with existing conditions,

2nd That hopeful, efficacious work must come mainly from within the local membership, and not depend upon transient outside aid.

III.

Collection

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of nine cents. 34. A collection was taken up amounting to thirty six dollars & forty nine cents. (\$36.49)

The Queries were read and considered at this time.

Having completed the business of the meeting we adjourn, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in the 2nd mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

in the treasury. A collection was taken up amounting to \$100.00 (thirty dollars & 33.50) for the use of the Evangelistic Committee having the oversight of the work.

The following proposition was presented and after the discussion was approved, and the clerk was directed to insert it in the minutes to our next meeting, to wit: "We propose that the Quarterly Collection equal the Grand Collection at all next sessions to be held in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Constitution and By-laws. The ordinary necessary expenses of the church, such as salaries of the pastor, and other expenses for other purposes than those specified in this clause, can properly be raised by quota."

The queries have been read and considered at this time.

The business of the meeting having been concluded we have proposed to meet at least once a week the usual time in the 3rd mo. next, if we are permitted.

Wm. J. Guller
Secy.

Fifth Month 1906.

Min I At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held 3 mo. 3rd 1906 at East Greenwich, R.I.

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Representatives
Rhode Island

Emma Canby, Mary Albert, Anne C. Sherman,
Friedrich W. Schneider, Hannah C. Dooley,
Augustine Smith and Joseph H. Anthony.

Greenwich

Ellen Lockwood, William H. May, Eva C. Dally,
Anna C. Brown, Mary H. Butler, Christopher Shippey

Providence

Charles A. Carter, Samuel Baker, Frank S. Gifford,
August Sage, Elizabeth Chase, Henry E. Gifford.

W. B. Adams

At. Burgess, John Charles P. Conley, Sarah Brown,
Edith A. Gifford, Maria M. Butler, Abbie M. Baker,
John Carter.

All were present except four.

Min II
Report of
From Comm.
Owing to an oversight last quarter no nominat-
ing committee was appointed but we have
accepted at this time the following report of a
nominating committee appointed by the meeting
on Thursday and organized at the suggestion of
the Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

The report is as follows.

For representation to the Quarterly Meeting.

Isaac B. Macomber, Mary C. Knicker, Sarah Brown
& Shippey, C. August Baker, Edith E. Gifford,
Hannah S. Ladd, Mary D. Sage, Henry S. Gifford

Fifth Month, 1901, continued.

Alice C. Stevens, Charles L. Brown, George H. Brown,
Louisa A. Meader, Emma S. Bell, Charles Wood.

Evangelistic Committee.

Evangelistic
Com.

William T. Butler, George C. Butler, C. French
Baker, Susan Portland, Hannah T. Ladd,
Alice S. Gifford, Emma C. Sumner, Hannah
Taylor, Mary C. Kimball, Ralph Grace, Charles
H. Chase, Albert C. Macomber.

Finance
Com.

Finance Committee.

Charles L. Brown, Jacob S. Grindcott.

Advisory Members on Foreign Mission Board

Ed. H. Gifford, M. Augusta Ball.

Superintendents of Bible Schools.

Alice C. Stevens.

The report was signed by Jacob S. Grindcott, Clerk of the
meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and presented to

Frederick W. Holman, Chairman of the Com. Com.

The report is satisfactory and the Friends therein named
are appointed to their respective positions.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs us that it
proposes hereafter to hold its annual Conference once
on the 6th or 7th of June, instead of June 1st as formerly,
as heretofore, which is approved by this meeting.

Minutes
Change of
Sessions
D. V. Meetings

Charles L. Brown and Samuel W. Ladd report
that their quotas of stock have been paid to the
treasury of the Year Meeting.

Minutes
Quotas of Stock

Reports on the state of society for the past year
have been received from all our 110 meetings from which
the Clerk is directed to make a summary to report
on our minutes and forward to the Year Meeting.

Minutes
State of
Soc.

Fifth Month, 1906. continued.

Min VI
Stats. 185
The statistical blanks for the year ending 31st 1906 have been filled out and returned by each of our Monthly Meetings by which we learn that our present membership is 906 showing a net loss of 37 since last year's report.

The clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting the required summary of these reports, and preserve a duplicate of the same in our records.

Min VII
Jefferson 185
Our close friend Jefferson W. Ford attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister from Cleveland Ohio visiting this. His company and services have been very acceptable to us.

Min VIII
Comm. 185
The report of the Evangelistic Committee showed a quiet steady growth of interest in the meetings under their care. An offering was requested to aid in the continuance of the work as the treasurer's report showed only a balance of fifty eight cents. A collection was taken up amounting to \$58.34.

Min IX
Wm. 185
Charles A. Chase reported the sale for \$20.00 of some chairs belonging to the meeting, the money he was authorized to turn over to the Treasurer of the Evangelistic Committee for use in their work.

Min X
Comm. 185
We have directed our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount of stock called for in the 19th mo. list.

The annual report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read and directed to be placed on

5th Month, 1906 Continued.

new records. It shows a membership of 125,877 members.

News & a collection amounting to \$144.59. Much activity in N.F.M. & an increasing amount of earnest work is manifested by the report which is very encouraging to us.

The report of our Superintendent of Public Schools
Min Xi was read and decided to be presented as follows.

It tells of a new school founded at Tumbuk by
with only four, which will be the same, increased
to 16. The total enrollment for the six schools in the
L.M. is 1403 with an average attendance of 173 1/2, 11 of
whom are girls - Kindergarten \$417.00. 141 are
in the Home Department. This collection report shows
much effort on the part of our super-tendant in
visiting schools, and collecting and making
studies, and the work under her care appears to
be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Min. XII It has not hitherto been brought to our notice that our Society has in Great Britain no representation on the Anti-Slavery League, nor afford to any of our country to whom we are indebted on this Board.

The report of the Treasurer, Henry C. Clark,
 Christopher M. Shipe, Samuel C. Clark, and
 R. M. Chamber, is presented to audit and settle the
 Treasurer's account, proper a sum to be raised in
 this meeting the ensuing year and also to examine
 checks, treasure and correspondence of the quarterly
 meeting the ensuing year, and report at our next
 meeting. As business having been concluded we adjourn

Minxle meeting. As business having been concluded we adjourn
provisionally to meet at the next time of meeting on the 1st next at
the next point.
Thomas S. Talley.

Edward J. May.

Fifth Month, 1906 (continued).

Yearly Meeting Summary.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held in Providence, C.T.

Dear Friends,

Min. I The queries have been read and considered in our meeting the required number of times during the year.

From the reports received from our subordinate meetings we have prepared the accompanying summary on the state of society with matters of statistical and other information we send forwarded to you by our representatives who are for list see above Min. I in the general minutes.

Min. II We have appointed an Evangelistic Committee whose Chairman ^{Wm H. Butler} ~~Charles E. Baker~~, becomes an advisory member of your Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

S. S. Bapt. We have ^{appointed} Alice C. Stevens, of Lakeville, C.T. our Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Finance Com. We have also appointed Charles Benson, and Phoebe S. Andelott members of the Finance Committee and Seth N. Gifford, and N. Augusta Bailey, advisory members of the Foreign Mission Board.

Min. III This meeting has directed its treasurer to pay yours the quota of stock called for in the 8th month last.

Report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society
of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the year ending June
31st 1906.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

The Auxiliaries for the past year belonging to
R. I. Quarterly Meeting are as follows.

Providence, Portsmouth, Fall River, Swansea, Newport, East
Greenwich and Anthony have united in one with the
intention of holding their meetings on Monthly Fast
days. The other Auxiliaries have had to be
suspended with, but not without, some effort to carry
on our work. Clifford Road has had no
meetings during the year but has reported some
money for same. Barrelet Auxiliary has had to
be suspended.

Our Auxiliaries are therefore ^{six} in number.

Most of the reports contain a written statement of
increased interest in Missionary work, and the reports
give evidence of the same. The number of members
during the past year is 128. Honorary Members 17, amount
of money raised \$444.89, amount used for current expenses
\$37.35. Number of public meetings held, 20, at
Swansea by Timothy B. Hussey at Moses Brown School.

Two Auxiliaries carry on the work of the two
departments. Two carry on the work of two departments
and one auxiliary has the juvenile work only.

Regular missionary study classes are organized
three auxiliaries, while one reports that "at each of their
meetings throughout the year some member
read a carefully prepared paper concerning some one
of our mission fields. Pictures are also passed of the
missionaries with the mission buildings and maps
to show the same, making the occasion one of
interest and instruction."

It seems to us that this example might be followed with profit by other societies.

22000, 23000, and 24000, 25000, 26000, 27000, 28000, 29000, 30000, 31000, 32000, 33000, 34000, 35000, 36000, 37000, 38000, 39000, 40000, 41000, 42000, 43000, 44000, 45000, 46000, 47000, 48000, 49000, 50000, 51000, 52000, 53000, 54000, 55000, 56000, 57000, 58000, 59000, 60000, 61000, 62000, 63000, 64000, 65000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000, 70000, 71000, 72000, 73000, 74000, 75000, 76000, 77000, 78000, 79000, 80000, 81000, 82000, 83000, 84000, 85000, 86000, 87000, 88000, 89000, 90000, 91000, 92000, 93000, 94000, 95000, 96000, 97000, 98000, 99000, 100000.

Some of the articles of the Prisoners Advocate are taken, 21 books and tracts have been contributed by two churches while two others report having given \$1.50 for literature. The money has been raised by the sale of your free will offerings, thank offerings, flowers at public meetings, sale of aprons, and tracts. Bible School collections.

The first and necessary activity in the department of Protection and discipline is giving to the public a full and complete account of the work of the Prisoners Advocate. We are thankful to the friends of the Prisoners Advocate who have done this.

The second activity is the formation of a Prisoners Advocate Association. The formation of a Prisoners Advocate Association is a work which by which the condition of the Prisoners can be brought before our members, and we are told by the world with the Evil One and we are told to "look after the fields". Much of the Prisoners Advocate may be done in this way.

Some public meetings held in our individual churches with prayer and address by our own members are held as usual to this end. At these times the Prisoners Advocate may be taken for the work.

Very truly,
Your obedient servant.

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Min. IV
Change in
Rev. Mo. mtg.
We have approved the action of Providence Monthly Meeting in deciding to hold its sessions at Saylesville only on the 5th, 7th, & 8th months instead of four times yearly as heretofore.

Min. V
Interpretation
We are united in requesting the Church Meeting at its next session to revise the language of Chapter XI of the Constitution and Discipline, "The Preliminary, Preliminary or final of the meetings" and a brief, whether suitable for this purpose than those specified in this clause, can properly be carried by vote.

Min. VI
Statistics
The statistical blanks sent to the various particular and monthly meetings have been filled out and returned to our clerk, and a summary of these accompanies these minutes.

Min. VII
Rev. Mo. mtg.
Our Bible School Superintendent has collected and collated the statistical information from the various schools under his care for the use of the Yearly Meeting.

Min. VIII
Summary of the State of Society.

I

The Spiritual Condition of the Membership.

State of Society
Our official information on this important topic comes from the following expressions used in reports of the various meetings: "There is an improvement in our spiritual condition". Spiritual life and interest continue to be encouraging. In another meeting it "remains about the same".

"The spiritual life of our meeting for the most part is good and there is evidence of a growth in grace."

"In three of our particular meetings there are

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indication of growth in spiritual life and interest in the work of the church."

"A general desire for the growth of the truth and the building up of the church" is the report from another meeting.

II

Attendance on Public Worship.

One meeting reports that nearly all their members are regular in attendance, and another that their meetings for worship are uniformly well attended, while two report a decline and others that the attendance remains about the same.

III

Our Family Devotions.

It is evident from the reports on this subject that little effort has been made to ascertain in what proportion of Friends families daily devotions are maintained, but the impression is given that many families are faithful in this important matter, perhaps the majority.

IV

Relation of Members to one another and to the World.

The tenor of the various reports is shown by such expressions as the following, -
"The conduct of our members has improved. Love and harmony prevail to a large degree, and very little inconsistency of

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conduct is observed." "The conduct of our members with little exception is irreproachable."

These statements give an encouraging outlook but it must not be forgotten that there is in some meetings a considerable portion of the membership who seldom attend our meetings and who, we fear, show little interest in spiritual matters. We trust, however that there is an increasing effort being made to reach and help this class.

V

Work in which members are engaged.

On this theme the reports which we have received give many details which show an interest in religious work.

In one locality a class for Bible Study has been maintained, often holding several meetings a week with excellent results. One member from the same meeting has been laboring in the south and another engaged in similar work in a city near by.

Several meetings report a sustained interest in Bible School work, while in one the Bible School has declined, but efforts are being made to revive it.

One new Endeavor Society has been formed with excellent results.

One meeting says that "We think some of our younger members especially have heard 'the call' to work in my vineyard." The same meeting

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Spoke of Sabbath evening gatherings for
worship, Bible Study and the discussion
of Society matters. Several of these meetings
were devoted to a discussion of the subject brought
out by the conference in Boston, which
aroused much interest in the problems
our Society has to solve, if it is to prosper.

Two meetings were also held, at one of
which an exercise on the life and
labors of George Fox was given by the
audience, even the youngest participating.

A Home Missionary Society had likewise been
formed during the winter to work in connection
with the Society for Organizing Charity.

"His work had produced its usual results
of drawing hearts into close sympathy with
overburdened lives, and proving the promise true
that "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Attention ought to be made in this connection
to the earnest and intelligent efforts of the
local branches of our Women's Foreign Miss. Soc.
in keeping alive our interest in general
mission work, but these will doubtless be more
fully reported elsewhere.

Thomas J. Batley
Clerk.

Quarterly Meeting for 19

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MEMBERSHIP.					NAMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS				TOTALS
					Rhode Island	Greenwich	Swansco	Providence	
1.	Number of Members last year,				215	88	294	246	943
2.	Additions by Birth,				0	0	8	0	3
3.	" " Request,				5	0	1	1	7
4.	" " Letter,	<i>Failure to record earlier</i>							2
5.	" " Certificate,	<i>Error in last years report</i>				4	1		4
6.	Total Additions,				5	5	5	6	21
7.	Loss by Death,				4	0	8	6	18
8.	" " Disownment,				0	0	0	0	0
9.	" " Resignation,				1	0	4	0	5
10.	" " Discontinuance of names,				0	0	3	4	7
11.	" " Letter,				1	0	0	6	7
12.	" " Certificate,				8	0	6	7	21
13.	Total Loss,				14	0	21	23	58
14.	Number of Members this year,				206	93	378	229	906
15.	Net Gain,					5			
16.	Net Loss,				9		16	17	37

MISCELLANEOUS.

17.	Number of Males,	82	51	169	117	419
18.	“ “ Females,	124	42	209	112	487
19.	“ under 21 years,	32	14	97	49	192
20.	“ of Adult Members,	174	79	281	180	714
21.	“ “ Associate Members,	3	1	14	7	25
22.	“ “ Associates who have become Active,	0	0	0	0	0
23.	“ “ Resident Members,	187	74	289	199	749
24.	“ “ Non-Resident Members,	19	19	89	30	157
25.	“ “ Recorded Ministers, 18 resident. 15 non-resident, 3	4	6	4	4	18
26.	“ “ Members in College,	2	0	2	3	7
27.	“ “ Members Teaching,	2	0	4	6	12
28.	Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	yes	not quite	yes	no	
29.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	yes	not all	yes	no	
30.	Number of Meetings without Recorded Ministers,					
31.	“ “ Particular Meetings,					
32.	“ “ Monthly Meetings,					

EDUCATIONAL.

1.	Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,	29	13	78	40	160
2.	“ in school the past year,	25	11		36	72
3.	“ in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,	7	4		11	22
4.	“ graduating from High Schools or Academies,	1	0			1
5.	“ graduating from College, and name of College,	0	0	1		1
	<i>Pembroke</i>					
6.	Number in College the past year,	2	0		3	5
7.	“ graduating from Professional Schools,	0	0		2	2
8.	“ of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,	2	0	4	6	12

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Eighth Month, 1906

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport 8th. Month Ind., 1906.

Min. I
Reps.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the
representatives are from

Rhode Island

David J. Hutchison, Mary E. Kimber, Fredrika
Bolte, Cordelia Lawrence, and Isaac B. Macomber.

Greenwich

Eva Matley, Mary A. Gould, Carrie G. Buffinton,
Annie Merrill, Christopher A. Shippee, Lydia E.
Drinkwater, and Mary W. Weeden.

Swansea

Henry C. Aydelott, Alzada L. Strange, Obediah Chace,
H. Emma Skinner, and Henry H. Read.

Providence

Harry K. Briggs, Hannah J. Adams, Asenath Teltow,
John Paton, Willis H. White, and Thomas Y. Jackson.
Who are present except six.

Min. II
Clerk

The clerk being absent, Susan Peckham was
appointed to serve for the day, with Phebe S. Aydelott
as assistant.

Min. III
Report of Reps.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report
that they all attended.

Min. IV
Report of
Committee
on Nominations

The committee on nominations, and for other purposes
reported the following, -

Treasurer, Charles A. Chace.

Correspondent, Laura B. Aydelott.

Clerks, Thomas J. Batley, Assistant Clerk, Susan Peckham.

The Treasurer's report has been audited, and found
correct, the cash on hand being \$82 (eighty-two dollars).

Eighth Month 1906 (continued).

It is proposed that the sum of \$550, (five hundred and fifty dollars) be raised for the use of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year.

This report is accepted; the friends therein named are appointed to their respective offices for the ensuing year; and the recommendations as to finance are approved. The clerk is directed to inform the Monthly Meetings, and include the notice from the clerk of our Yearly Meeting as contained in the following communication, which has now been read.

Mim. VI
Alice E. Stevens appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting as Superintendent of Bible Schools, having removed within the limits of another Yearly Meeting, desires to be released from that office. We therefore appoint Annie B. Chace, Asenath Tellow, E. Annah Tucker, and Mary E. Kimber, a committee to propose to our next Quarterly Meeting the name of some friend to serve as Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools for the remainder of the official year.

Having accomplished the business of the meeting, with thanksgiving for the blessings which have attended us during the past three months, and encouraging one another to greater faithfulness in the future, we adjourn, proposing to meet at Fall River in Eleventh Month next, if the Lord permit.

Signed Susan Peckham
Clerk for the day.

Min. v.
Report of
Evangelistic
Com.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was received and accepted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$36.94; and an offering of \$13.48 was made for the work.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held
at Providence, R. I., Sixth Month, 1906.

It is concluded to raise the sum of \$2500 for the use
of the meeting the coming year, and our several Quarterly Meetings
are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said
sum to our Treasurer, John H. Meader, 163 Hampden Street, Boston,
in the usual manner. The quota of your meeting at 21 % is \$525.

Attention of Quarterly Meetings is called to minute No. 6
in relation to sending in their reports promptly, also to inter-
pretations of Discipline as found in minutes Nos. 10 and 36.

The reply to your inquiry in regard to the interpreta-
tion of Discipline will be found in Minute No. 36 of printed
minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1906.

Resolved that the sum of \$2500 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting for 1907, and that the several Quarterly Meetings be directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, John H. Meader, 163 Hampden Street, Boston, in the usual manner.

Wm. C. Smith
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Eleventh Month 1906.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11mo. 1st 1906.

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are from

Rhode Island,

Richard C. Mendenhall, Mary Jackson, Emma M. Sherman, Frederick H. Holman, John S. Kimball and Anne C. Sherman.

Greenwich

Anna Merrill, C. August Tucker, Sarah A. Carpenter, Mary A. Weston, Charlotte D. Wright, Anna L. Brown, Moses Huntington, William H. Perry, Mary D. Gould, John J. Jacobson.

Swansea.

Obadiah Grace, Emma A. Sisson, Charles Ellis, Lella Evans, Fionia Reed, Thomas H. Briggs.

Providence

Elizabeth Selou, Charles F. Boutwell, Hannah F. Lunt, Minnie Taylor, Elizabeth Foster, Albert C. Smith, Irene H. Briggs.

They were all present except seven, one of whom was ill.

Bible-

School Supr

The Committee appointed in the 8th month to nominate a Bible School Superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alice C. Stearns, reported the name of Annie C. Sherman, which is approved, and she is appointed to that service for the balance of the year.

We have acceptably with us at this time our friends Samuel H. Hodges duly accredited as a minister for Marlboro Meeting, Concord, Cambridge, N.H. and Martha C. Roberts also a minister lady.

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recorded by China Monthly Meeting. About such appreciation of our confessions and services expressed. We have welcomed into the confessions and service of our friends. William Thompson from our neighbor No. 1, being introduced.

The women were very glad and considerable in the meeting. All sang the hymns, presented their quarterly reports, showing a continued interest in their work and some signs of increasing life in the mission under their care.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$20.75.

A collection was taken up in furtherance of their work amounting to \$27.15. Truly the work is blessed.

Our friend Clara St. Colfax, newly appointed to the salary of the China Monthly Meeting on Bible Schools, was present, and spoke helpfully on the subject of the work upon which she is now engaged.

The great topic she has been upon is that of Cooperation in study, in counsel, in practical effort and in prayer.

Rev. H. Gifford followed with very practical thoughts. The key note of which were, "Following Christ, crucifixion for the sake of good to the world, and not expecting blessings to come without personal effort on our part to bring them."

In the season devoted to these and many other helpful testimonies a concern arose in the meeting that the Young People's Societies in our quarterly meeting should hold a conference or rally on a day evening preceding each quarterly meeting for the sake of increased social fellowship and practical encouragement in the work of the church. In furtherance of this concern

Cleveland Anti-Slavery Convention

The meeting appointed George E. Evans, Charles P. Young and John N. Gifford to confer with the Young Peoples societies and arrange for such gatherings and prepare programs.

Having concluded the business coming before us, and thankful for the manifested presence of the Master, we are now preparing to meet at the usual time for conference in our next, of the Lord forbid.

Thomas E. Bailey
Clerk.

Second Month 1907.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held 2nd mo. 7, 1907

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives to this are from,

Rhode Island.

Alfred H. Borden, Emma M. Sherman, John
S. Kimber, Fannie C. Sherman, Mary W. Macomber
and Anna L. Manchester.

Greenwich.

Mary W. Weeden, C. Annah Tucker, Anna
Merrill, Moses L. Buffington, William H. Perry,
Carrie G. Buffington, Anna M. Brown, Mary
Cadwell.

Swansea

George B. Evans, Leta V. Evans, Charles Estes
Henry H. Reed.

Providence

William H. Butler, Hannah P. Ladd, Charles
P. Roundy, Rachel Austin, Eliza C. Butler
William L. Bates, Albert R. Macomber
Louisa M. Meader.

Six were absent and for two sufficient reasons were
excused.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee
was accompanied by evidence of attention to the
interests of the smaller meetings and also
set some plans for future work which
we trust may result in a forward movement.
The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7.01
At the recommendation of the Committee a collection

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was taken to aid them in carrying out their plans for the ensuing quarter. It amounted to forty and ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars.

Min. III

Nov. 6th

We appointed Hannah C. Jordan Anna C. Manchester C. Anna Tucker Christopher A. Shipper, Annie C. Chace, George B. Evans Elizabeth A. Gifford and M. Augusta Bailey a nominating Committee to bring forward at our next meeting the names of Friends for an Evangelistic Committee A Superintendent of Bible Schools Two Members of a Finance Committee Representatives to the General Meeting and two advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

C. A. Jones & wife

We have welcomed with us our friend C. A. Jones of Salem Quarterly Meeting, Mass. who represents the Evangelistic Committee of the "Early Meeting" & is working in its interest. He is accompanied by his wife Elizabeth Jones and the company and services of which have been very helpful to us.

Com. on Cong. Peoples Meet.

The Committee on the Cong. Peoples Conference reported. It had been to the service, but that for sufficient reasons the meeting was scheduled for the 5th day evening instead of the 4th day. That a program had been prepared for it.

This is satisfactory to the meeting and the same Committee are continued for the remainder of the year.

The business being concluded we adjourn, proposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Bulley, Clerk.

T. M. Martin, 107.

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenman, R. I., Jan 2^d, 1907.

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the representatives to this are from
Rhode Island.

Charles C. Chase, Annie C. Sherman, Laura
H. Church, John J. Kimber, Robert C. Whitcomb
and Isaac S. Macomber.

Greenman.

Opening
Meeting.

William H. Perry, C. Annan Tucker, Anna Merwin,
Mary A. Gould, Susan M. Carpenter, Mary W. Warden,
Alice L. Buffington, O. Stephen A. Sippes.

Providence.

Charles A. Chase, Olga A. Lessor, Ralph Oude,
Annie R. Chase, Elizabeth S. Newton.

Providence.

Charles Lessor, Olga A. Butler, Robert A. Macomber,
Marion Taylor, Mary Amy Gifford, William L. Butler,
William H. Butler, James C. Lott.

All were present except four.

Men. II

The nominating committee appointed in
2nd month reported as follows, viz.

Report of
Nom. Com.

For representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Charles Lessor, M. Augusta Batley, Charles A. Chase, Lydia
Pitchoard, Thomas J. Batley, John C. Applecott, Hannah
C. Borden, Mary W. Macomber, Annie C. Sherman,
J. L. C. Gifford, Charles C. Lott, William H. Butler,
Mary A. Gifford.

Exps. to Y. M.

Evangelistic Committee.

William L. Butler, Henry C. Applecott, C. Annan Tucker,

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Evening Com.

Lucian Peckham Hannah T. Ladd Mrs. A. Gifford
Anne C. Sherman, Anne Taylor, Mary E. Hunt
Wife Carl Charles F. Bruce. and a few
George B. Evans.

Finance Committee.

Finance Com.

Charles Lessor Phoebe S. Applelott

Advisory Members on Foreign Mission Board

J. M. B.

Seth N. Gifford M. Augusta Bailey

Supt. of Bible Schools.

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Anne C. Sherman

Minutes

The Report is satisfactory and the Friends who are
named in it are hereby appointed to their respective
stations. The Superintendent is authorized to appoint
at her discretion an assistant in each Monthly
Meeting.

Approved
of R. C. Thurman
Man.

We are united in approving the action of P. Island
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging and recording
of R. C. Thurman as a minister of the Gospel our dear friend Anne
C. Sherman, after conferring with the requirements of the
discipline.

Stock

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings
except one have paid their respective quotas of stock
to the Treasurer of the United Methodist Church and we
direct the friends to the Treasurer of the Monthly
Meeting of the proportion of stock called for by that
meeting in the 8th no. last.

State of Soc.

Reports on the state of Society have been received
from all our no. Mts. from which we directed our clerk to
make a summary and forward to the next meeting
together with the names of the persons whose names are

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Statistics. Statistics, which have been so furnished, and such other information as should properly go before that body.

The Evangelistic Committee reports earnest effort put forth in several of the meetings, and an urgent appeal is made for a deepened interest in the work, together with a much larger financial assistance in meeting the needs of the problem in India over and elsewhere.

The Treasurer's report shows a deficit of \$5.55. The report of the Committee was approved and a collection was taken up amounting to Forty-seven ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$47.25). The Quarterly Meeting authorizes the Evangelistic Committee to draw on our Treasurer for the sum of twenty five Dollars (\$25.00) in further aid of their work.

The records of the Meeting in India River having been brought before us at this time we conclude to pledge the sum of seventy five Dollars to be drawn from our Treasury by the Evangelistic Committee if the need requires. In addition thereto to this pledges given by those present to the amount of one hundred eighteen and ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$118.25), which is to be paid should it ever be called to the Treasurer of the Evangelistic Committee. One person who shall open a special account for ~~special~~ ^{Evangelistic} work carried on in accordance with the direction of our Fall River Meeting.

The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (W.F.M.S.) shows a gain of eight members, and a large amount of useful work done. This report has been interesting and encouraging and is ordered to be preserved with our records.

A communication from our Meeting on Ministry and Prayer asks us to send forward a request to the coming Yearly Meeting that it consider the

Statistics for *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting for 1907

NAMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

TOTALS

MEMBERSHIP.

	<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>Greenwich</i>	<i>Swansea</i>	<i>Providence</i>	<i>Totals</i>
1. Number of Members last year,			206	93	375	229	906
2. Additions by Birth,			0	0	3	0	3
3. " " Request,			2	0	4	2	8
4. " " Letter,			0	0	0	0	0
5. " " Certificate,			0	0	5	3	8
6. Total Additions,			2	0	12	5	19
7. Loss by Death,			1	2	3	2	8
8. " " Disownment,			0	0	0	0	0
9. " " Resignation,			5	0	2	0	7
10. " " Discontinuance of names,			0	0	0	1	1
11. " " Letter,			0	0	0	2	2
12. " " Certificate,			2	2	3	0	7
13. Total Loss,			8	4	8	5	25
14. Number of Members this year,			200	89	382	224	900
15. Net Gain,			0	0	4	0	
16. Net Loss,			6	4	0	0	6

MISCELLANEOUS.

17. Number of Males,	81	49	180	118	428
18. " " Females,	119	40	202	111	472
19. " under 21 years,	30	12	99	50	191
20. " of Adult Members,	170	77	283	179	709
21. " " Associate Members,	5	1	19	13	38
22. " " Associates who have become Active,					
23. " " Resident Members,	181	72	291	183	727
24. " " Non-Resident Members,	19	17	91	46	173
25. " " Recorded Ministers, 8 resident, 3 non-resident,	3	3	5	0	11
26. " " Members in College,	2	0	1	4	7
27. " " Members Teaching,	2	0	5	9	16
28. Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	yes	not quite	yes	no	
29. Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	yes	yes	yes	yes	
30. Number of Meetings without Recorded Ministers,					
31. " " Particular Meetings,					
32. " " Monthly Meetings,					

EDUCATIONAL.

1. Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,	28	7	77	42	154
2. " in school the past year,	24	3	41	33	
3. " in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,	8		11	6	
4. " graduating from High Schools or Academies,	2		0	1	
5. " graduating from College, and name of College,	0		0	0	
6. Number in College the past year,	2	0	1	4	7
7. " graduating from Professional Schools,	0	0	0	0	0
8. " of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,	2	0	5	9	16

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advisability of laying down the meeting on Monday, and Oversight and have the subjects now claiming its attention taken into the sittings of the Early Meetings at large with ample time given for such consideration. This is approved and the clerk instructed to incorporate the same in the minutes sent up to the Quarterly.

The Superintendent of Bible Schools made his annual report showing an encouraging amount of activity in this important department of Church work. The report is accepted and directed to be placed on file.

Charles S. Bond, Richard C. Macomber, C. Barnard, Luther & Ruff. ^{See minute for Auditing Com. 5th Dec 1906} Wade was appointed a Committee to

We approve of the action of Providence Mo. Ch. in changing the time of holding the midweek meeting in Providence from 11 o'clock A.M. to 7-45 P.M. of the same day.

Having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet in Newport at the usual time in the 8th month next if the Lord permit.

Thomas L. Bulley
Clerk.

Quarterly Meeting Summary. 1907.

To New England Quarterly Meeting of Friends next
to be held in Portland Maine,
Dear Friends.

Min. I
Ladies

Through some oversight the Quere have
been read but once in our meeting during the
past year.

Min. II
Representatives

From the accounts sent up by our several
tentative churches we have prepared the accompanying
statement for the Anti-Slavery Society and with
statistical and other information as here forwarded
to you by our representatives it is our intention

Charles Lison, Augusta Talley, Christopher
S. Talley, Phoebe S. Sydelott, Hannah C. Bond
James C. Macomber, Annie C. Sherman
John E. Gifford, Charles C. and William S.
Butler, Mary A. Lippard.

Min. III
Y.M. Stock

We have directed our treasurers to pay
yours the amount of stock called for in
your minute in the 5th month last.

Min IV
Finance & M.

We have appointed Charles Lison and
Phoebe S. Sydelott members of the
Finance Committee.

Min V
Education & I.D.

We have appointed John E. Gifford
and Mr. Augusta Talley advisory members
of the Foreign Mission Board.

Min VI
B.S. Capt.

We have appointed Annie C. Sherman Superintendent of
Bible Schools in our Quarterly Meeting for the year.

Yearly Meeting Summary for '97. (Continued)

Min VII We have appointed an Evangelistic Committee
 Adv Mem. whose Chairman, William H. Butler, becomes
 Ex. C. & Board an advisory member of our Evangelistic and
 Church Extension Board.

Min VIII No reports sent up but some action has been
 Coll. Com. & Fin. & Meet. since taken.

Min IX We have approved the action of Providence
 Monthly Meeting in changing the hour of holding
 Changes in the midweek meeting in Providence from
 11 o'clock A.M. to 7:45 P.M. of the same day.

Summary on the State of Society.

I Spiritual Condition of the Membership.

Min. X On this subject we gather from our reports such
 State of the Church statements as these.

"The spiritual condition of the membership has
 improved." "Our spiritual condition seems to be improving."
 "We believe there has been an advance in spiritual
 life." "The spiritual life is manifested by a larger
 attendance at the morning services."

II Attendance.

Two reports state that the attendance on public
 worship remains about the same, while another
 speaks of it as having increased and a fourth
 says that the diligent and punctual attendance
 upon public worship by most of our members
 is very encouraging. One report the evening meetings
 well attended and another that the attendance
 the midweek meetings has improved.

III Family Devotions.

The reports on this subject are rather meagre.

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One report states that more attention is being given to family devotions care having been extended in the matter. Another states that family devotions are maintained by some, while another report speaks of them as very general.

IV. Conduct of Members towards One another and the World.

The reports are as follows.

"The conduct of our members toward one another and the world is better than a year ago but not entirely satisfactory." "Sweet harmony prevails among us." "The conduct of friends in their relations to one another and the world is that of fair dealing and a disposition to promote the welfare of all." "We think there is an increasing desire and effort to conform our conduct to the highest Christian business standards in our dealing with one another and the world."

V. Work in which Engaged.

The reports on this topic show an increasing amount of Christian activity along a variety of lines both within the church membership and outside of it.

Two members are engaged in mission work in South America, and one is preparing to sail for Africa for the same purpose. There is mention of a rescue mission in North Carolina.

Some small missions are being kept up and helped by cultural workers from the missions. A number of reports concerning

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most from their immediate visiting families and
wedding meetings at the homes

The meetings reports increasing interest in the
Bible School and another adds up the following.

"A young peoples meeting has been established the
first winter that has been well sustained and has
served to awaken an interest in best things
among those who attend.

On every-day evenings some of the meetings
have been devoted to a study of the life of St. Paul
following him in his journey and reading his
epistles in the light of his experiences.

One evening in a month has been devoted
to reports from faithful mission workers among the
sick and poor of our city.

A meeting for the study of the Lutheran
Message has been held monthly at the Mass
Boston School in which the students and young
people from the Providence meeting have participated.
Valuable papers have been prepared for these meetings
and much interest awakened on the subject.

April X. We are united in requesting the Society meeting that it
consider the advisability of laying down the
Meeting on Sunday and, verily, and have
the services now claimed as its attention
taken into the sessions of the Society meeting
at large with ample time given for their
consideration.

Journal of J. T. T. Clark

English Friends 1907

At North Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Newfort, English
in 1907. The 1st of the last

year being absent, various sessions was
appointed Clerk and Librarian S. Aydelott
last clerk for the day. In the ac-
counts given over Monthly Meetings the
amount of the 1st of the last year 1907
was £100.00 - 10s. 0d. - 10s. 0d.

Deborah Childs - Coralia Lawrence
Elizabeth W. H. H. H.

Received - George S. Edwards - George S. Aydelott
Harvey A. Aydelott

Received - George S. Edwards - George S. Aydelott
Harvey A. Aydelott

Received - Chas. S. Hargrave, Elizabeth A. Sifford
Wm. H. Sifford, Thomas Coburn
Mrs. L. S. Sifford, Sifford - Sifford - Sifford

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TO R. I. QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland
Me. Sixth Month 1907.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the coming
year the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred dollars; (\$2600.00)

Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their
respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, John H. #

Wheeler, one half by the first of Eleventh Month and the balance

by the first of Fifth month. The apportionment remains the same

as last year. The quota of your meeting at 21 % is \$ 546.00

Our Quarterly Meetings are desired in the selection of Repre-

sentatives to insist on their attendance through the sittings

of the Yearly Meeting. If they find it necessary to retire be-

fore the close of the meeting that they obtain consent of the

meeting. See minute 46 of printed minutes 1907

It is desired that all our meetings take a collection on the

second first day in tenth month amounting to at least two cents

per member for the use of committees of the Five Years meeting.

Yearly Meeting for 1908 will be held at Providence R. I.

beginning on Fourth day the 24th of Sixth month, Meeting on

Ministry and Oversight on the day previous.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Samuel Edward Taylor

clerk.

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Eleventh Month 1907

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held in Fall River, 11 mo 7th 1907

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the representatives to this are from
Rhode Island. Nellie Thurston, Rosina Faulkner
May Albert, Mary E. Kimber, Samuel H. Hodges,
Robert C. Wetherell, Isaac B. Macomber, Mary W.
Macomber.

Representatives

Greenwich Moses L. Buffington, Anna Brown
Henry Tucker, Wm H. Perry, Ellen M. Lockwood,
Anna Merrill Sarah Carpenter.

Swansea Henry C. Aydelott, Eliza A. Lessor
Elizabeth S. Newton, Charles A. Chace, Mary A. Gage
George B. Evans.

Providence Elizabeth Seton, Albert R. Macomber,
Charles F. Rounly, Seth K. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader,
Mary Amy Gifford, who were all present except three.

In the absence of the assistant clerk
Hannah C. Border was appointed for the day.

Quinn

The Quins were read and considered.

The Evangelistic Committee presented its quarterly report
showing some earnest work done and plans
laid for its continuance and enlargement.

Report of
Evangel. Com.

In accordance with their recommendation a collection
was taken amounting to twenty seven dollars and fourteen cents.
(\$27.14).

The report of their Treasurer showed a balance
on the general account of Forty two ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$42.75) and on
the Fall River meeting account of Eighty seven ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$87.25)

We gratefully record the company and services of ministers and
their Friends from neighboring Quarterly Meetings, visiting us

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in fraternal Christian fellowship, though without certificates.

*Super for
General reports*
The clerk was directed to procure and distribute to the clerks of our Monthly Meetings paper of uniform size with suitable headlines for their minutes and other communications to the Quarterly Meeting. He is authorized to draw on our treasurer for the expense an amount not exceeding Five dollars.

*Central
Office*
Charles Mason on behalf of the Party meetings Finance Committee called our attention to the subject of a Central Office in Boston, to serve as an information bureau and distributing center for New England Yearly meetings. He showed how the vital interests of our religious work might be promoted by such an office and urged all to study the subject with a view to hastening the time when its establishment may become possible!

*Comm. on
Young People's Society*
George T. Evans, Charles H. Roundy and Seth H. Gifford were reappointed a committee to arrange for holding gatherings or rallies of the Young People's Societies throughout the Quarterly Meeting, and prepare programs for the same.

One interesting and profitable gathering of this kind was held in Providence in the 2nd mo. and another is to be held this evening following the Quar. Meeting; It was found practicable to change the time of holding them from 7th to 5th day.

Having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Batley,

Clerk.

Second Month, 1908.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held in Providence 2nd Mo. 6, 1908.

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the representatives to this are found to
be from Rhode Island.

John A. Miller, John Hunter, Edward L. Hunter,
Anna Susan Howard & Southern Friends at
Greenwich.

George Miller, Carrie E. Proffitt, Sarah Curtis,
Ed Miller, Henry E. Smith, Anne Smith,
Mary W. Weeden.
Swansea

Mary A. Gay, L. Oscar Moon, George W. Cross,
Josephine Winer.
Providence

Caroline Cornwall, Ann Abbot, Mary Briggs, Hannah P.
Sudd, Olga A. Miller, Charles V. Bond, Sam Barker.
All were present except some some of whom were
absent at home by the severity of the weather.

The queries were read and considered.
The clerk reported that he had attended to the
of procuring and distributing to the Monthly Meeting
books paper of uniform size for minutes and the
book is coming as soon as possible to the quarterly meeting
and that the expense incurred in 1907 had been paid
by our Treasurer.

The Evangelistic Committee presented their quarterly report which
gave an interesting summary of work done and done
in several towns making an interesting record of their
work, assisting in smaller meetings & building up the Bibles.

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Second Month, 1908.

The outlook on the whole seemed hopeful but more labours are needed.

Treas. Report. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$12.25 on the Fall River account \$46.75 on the other side. A collection was taken up for the general work of the Convention amounting to nineteen dollars (\$19.00).

Nov. 5. The officers: Richard L. Macomber, Jeremiah L. Gordon, O. Theron Smith, Christopher T. Lippie, Eliza E. Linn, Emma W. Grace, Mary Ann Lyford & Charles Smith. A number of ladies came to our service at our next meeting but none of them for an Evangelistic Committee, or superintendents of Bible Schools, two members of a Service Committee, representatives to the Sunday School, and two advisors members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Having received a communication from the Church Federation telling forth its need of funds we authorize our treasurer to pay the sum of twenty (\$20) five dollars to C. A. Stockwell No. 25, Butler Exchange, Barre in aid of its work. We also appoint Miss H. White to represent this Quarterly Meeting in that organization.

Having concluded the business coming before us at this time we adjourn preparing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th month if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Buttery,
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1908.

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at East Greenwich N. I. Dec. 11, 1907.

By the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
the representatives to this are found to be
from

Rhode Island.

Richard C. Macomber, Mary W. Macomber, Cornelia A.
Barker, Edmund W. Jordan, Frederick Colburn
Anna L. Manchester.

Greenwich

One Matter, Sarah Carpenter, Susan Smith
Moses Duffington and William H. Perry.

Quonset

Henry C. Hydelott, Eliza A. Dixon, Frances A. Estes
George B. Evans, L. Oscar Moore Thomas A. Briggs

Providence.

John A. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Anna L. A. Briggs
William H. Butler, Albert W. Macomber, Emily S. Hale
Charles P. Vandy.

All were present except four and for those whose
important reasons were given.

The nominating committee appointed in
2nd mo last reported the following names

Evangelistic Committee

William H. Butler, Henry C. Hydelott, C. Anna Tucker
H. Augusta Bates, Susan Robinson, Cornelia A. Bates
Mary A. Gifford, Anna C. Sherman, Henri Taylor
John C. Kimber, Eliza A. Dixon, Charles A. Chase
Albert W. Macomber, George B. Evans

Fifth Month 1908 (Continued)

Supt. of Bible Schools. — Albert C. Macomber.
Members of Finance Committee Charles Sisson Thibe F. Hydelott
Advisory Members of the Board of Foreign Missions,
Seth H. Gifford H. Augusta Bailey
Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
Marion C. Bourne Isaac B. Macomber Mary C.
Kendall Anna L. Macomber L. Oscar Moore
Charles Estes Macomber Chase, Adeline J. Chase
Seth H. Gifford Charles Sisson Charles F. County
Mary H. Gifford E. Anna Lucia and H. Gifford.
The report was accepted and the Finance
Committee were appointed to their respective
stations.

Our Treasurer informed us that our several
Sunday Meetings have paid him the respective quotas
and he is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the
Yearly Meeting one proportion of stock called for
in the 3rd month last.

Statistical reports have been received from our
Monthly Meetings from which it appears that
our present membership is 893.

The reports on the state of society have been
read and we have directed our clerk to forward
to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting such a summary
of them used of the latest date as
should properly come before that body.

The quarterly report of the Evangelistic
Committee was read and accepted. It gave a brief
summary of the work done during the quarter
and spoke of their plan to hold a special meeting

Stock

Fifth Month 1905 (continued)

The 10th of the month when they might have ample time to examine properly the tables with which they are charged. Their Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of twenty four and 2/3 dollars (\$24.66) so considerable work was taken up in furtherance of their work.

Our clerk was unable to furnish minutes of monthly and conference to L. W. ^{a minister} ~~W. H. W.~~ and perhaps some of our members not being and Samuel H. ^{a minister} ~~W. H. W.~~ T. J. W. Meeting who have a prospect of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Nov 1st & 2nd. They leaving had the approval of their own respective monthly meetings.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society presented their report which was accepted and directed to be placed on file. The report shows seven auxiliaries, one of which has been organized during the year, a number of one hundred and forty eight regular & thirty members, an amount of \$517.10 raised together with other items all indicating deep interest and much activity in the cause. It was advised that multiple copies of this and the report on Bible School be made and distributed to our several villages, that the members of your society may know better what is being done along this line.

The Superintendent of Bible Schools presented our report which was accepted and ordered placed on file. It showed careful attention to the subject and much care in collecting and collating reports from the various schools. Eight schools made no report and not reporting.

Sept. Month 1705 (contd.)

had a membership of 425, and collections amounting to \$3221.

Having transacted the business coming before us we are now preparing to meet in August at the usual time in the 5th mo next of the third year.

Thomas J. Collier
Clerk.

Early Meeting Summary 1705.

To the England Early Meeting of Friends next to be held in Providence U.S.

Dear Friends

The Finance Committee has met and considered the required number of times in our meetings during the past year.

We have appointed as our representatives to you

the following Friends

Amos A. Boston, Isaac B. Macomber,
Mary C. Smith, Anna L. Manchester,
L. Allen, Anna, Charles Estes, Anna Maria Chase,
William F. Grace, Seth K. Gifford, Charles Dixon,
Charles V. Vandy, Mary S. Gifford, Edward Foster,
and Carrie G. W. Buffington.

We have decided our business to pay your
assessment called for by your meeting of
7th month last.

We have appointed Charles Dixon and Phoebe J.
Sydney, members of the Finance Committee.

NAMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

TOTALS

MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP.		Rhode Island	Greenwich	Swarsea	Providence	
1.	Number of Members last year,	200	89	382	329	1000
2.	Additions by Birth,	1	0	1	4	6
3.	" " Request,	4	4	4	3	15
4.	" " Letter,	2	0	0	0	2
5.	" " Certificate,	6	0	3	5	14
6.	Total Additions,	14	4	8	12	38
7.	Loss by Death,	3	0	6	3	12
8.	" " Disownment,	6	5	6	5	22
9.	" " Resignation,	1	1	0	0	2
10.	" " Discontinuance of names,	0	10	0	0	10
11.	" " Letter,	0	0	1	0	1
12.	" " Certificate,	1	0	0	1	2
13.	Total Loss, <i>by error in last year's report</i>	0	14	6	8	28
		5	23	6	9	43
14.	Number of Members this year,	208	68	383	334	1093
15.	Net Gain,	8	0	1	5	14
16.	Net Loss,		21			21

MISCELLANEOUS.

17.	Number of Males,	85	31	178	121	415
18.	“ “ Females,	123	37	205	113	478
19.	“ “ under 21 years,	39	12	102	48	201
20.	“ “ of Adult Members,	169	56	251	156	692
21.	“ “ Associate Members,	8	5	20	14	47
22.	“ “ Associates who have become Active,	0	0	0	0	-
23.	“ “ Resident Members,	183	25	295	158	674
24.	“ “ Non-Resident Members,	25	43	85	46	179
25.	“ “ Recorded Ministers, resident, 16 non-resident, 3					19
26.	“ “ Members in College,	1	1			2
27.	“ “ Members Teaching,	1	0	5	10	16
28.	Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	Not quite				
29.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	Nearly				
30.	Number of Meetings without Recorded Ministers,	1				1
31.	“ “ Particular Meetings,	2	2	3	2	9
32.	“ “ Monthly Meetings,					4

EDUCATIONAL.

1.	Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,	34	0	0	37	116
2.	“ in school the past year,	22	11	37	34	104
3.	“ in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,	10	1	11	10	32
4.	“ graduating from High Schools or Academies,	1	0	2	2	5
5.	“ graduating from College, and name of College,	0	1	1	1	3
6.	Number in College the past year,	1	1	2	2	8
7.	“ graduating from Professional Schools,					
8.	“ of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,	0	3			16

August 1888

Min. V We have appointed Seth C. Gifford, advisory member of the Foreign Mission Board.

Min. I We have appointed Albert C. Macomber, all theorems Superintendent of Bible Schools.

Min. VII We have appointed our Congregational Committee whose chairman, William H. Butler becomes an advisory member of your Congregational Church Extension Board.

Min. IX Collections were very generally taken at our several meetings for the cause of the Free Church Bibles and forwarded to your Treasurer.

Min. X I am often asked for a monthly meeting we have prepared a summary of statistics in regard to state of society, which we forward to you.

James C. Butler

Summary on the State of Society.

I. Spiritual condition of the membership.

On this subject we gather for our reports and submit as follows. "We notice an improvement in the spiritual condition of our membership. At our last year's meeting there has been an awakening in the faith which promises well for the future of our meeting."

"A good degree of spiritual life has been manifested in our social conversations."

"So very marked changes have occurred that we could hardly to be a dead faith in life and a deepening interest in christian work."

Summary continued

II Attendance on public worship.

No regular counting has been made during the year as far as known. The attendance on several Sunday services was a very perceptible increase, and it all appears to have been quite satisfactory, though it still remains true that very many whose names are on the church membership seldom attend Sunday Morning.

Very many feel encouraged by the continuity with which the young people are found in their places both in morning and Bible school, while another sign of the attendance of young men who are becoming interested.

III Society Services.

It appears from the reports that in special services have been made for determining to what extent the young people would be interested in these hours. The reports on the part of many is, a report, while the year is passed that they are coming short in the expected report. It seems as if it is largely impossible.

To use V. Goodrich's language that we are in the midst of a great work in which trials are many.

The report seems so much alike that they are too much together in the ground that the action of the church is very true, however, determine the stability of its members and one another and the world.

Our members report that the initial action of its members with one another and the world is gathering in numbers in the same connection Christian effort in the form of B.M.S.S. work, Bible & tract "spread" of good literature, suppression of the liquor traffic and the inauguration of reforms.

Summary (continued)

Another meeting speaks of being actively engaged in the work of Foreign Missionary Work, holding children's meetings and also cottage prayer meetings that have resulted in many conversions.

A further report after speaking of activity in various churches mentions the work of its home mission society which has continued its efforts for several years with increasing interest. An interesting feature has been an enterprise that was carried out last summer at the bridge where, wholly between forty and fifty children from the city were given a two week stay in the country under the care of nurses. There are on foot for more than doubling the number the coming season though not directly under the care of friends. All such practical efforts are best seen to be having their natural happy influence in binding the membership more closely together in the bonds of Christian friendship.

James J. Talley
Chick.

Eightth Month 1868.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport R.I. 8th mo 1st 1868.

Nov 1

By the records from the Monthly Meetings
the representatives to this are from

Nov 2

Rhode Island — Richard M. Marston
James Ticeum Anna L. Manchester,
Esthera Solli, Mary Dickinson.

Greenwich — E. Anna Tucker, Christopher St
Shipper, Charles E. Carpenter, George Matley
Sarah M. Carpenter, Emma Butler, Eliza A. Lockwood.
Ivansea — L. Oscar Moon, H. Emma Skinner
George B. Evans, Francis A. Estes.

Providence — Valentine E. Macler, Charles Linn
Delora E. Tifford Thomas Coburn, Albert C. Chamber,
Minnie Taylor, Louis H. Munier, Harry A. Briggs.

All of whom were present except four.

Nov 11

By an oversight at our last meeting no
nominating and auditing committee was appointed.

Nov 12

The church appoint Charles C. Pardy, Charles
Jesse and Asenath Toller to audit and with
the treasurers account, propose a sum to be
raised by the meeting the ensuing year and also
to nominate clerk, treasurer and correspond of
the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year. They
are required to return and bring in their report
later during the meeting.

Nov 14

The Queries have been read and considered in
this meeting.

Nov 15

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that
they all attended except two.

TO RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence Sixth month 1906

The Yearly Meeting concludes to raise for its use the coming year the sum of \$ 2000.00, which our several quarterly meetings are directed to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting in their respective proportions, and in the usual manner viz.

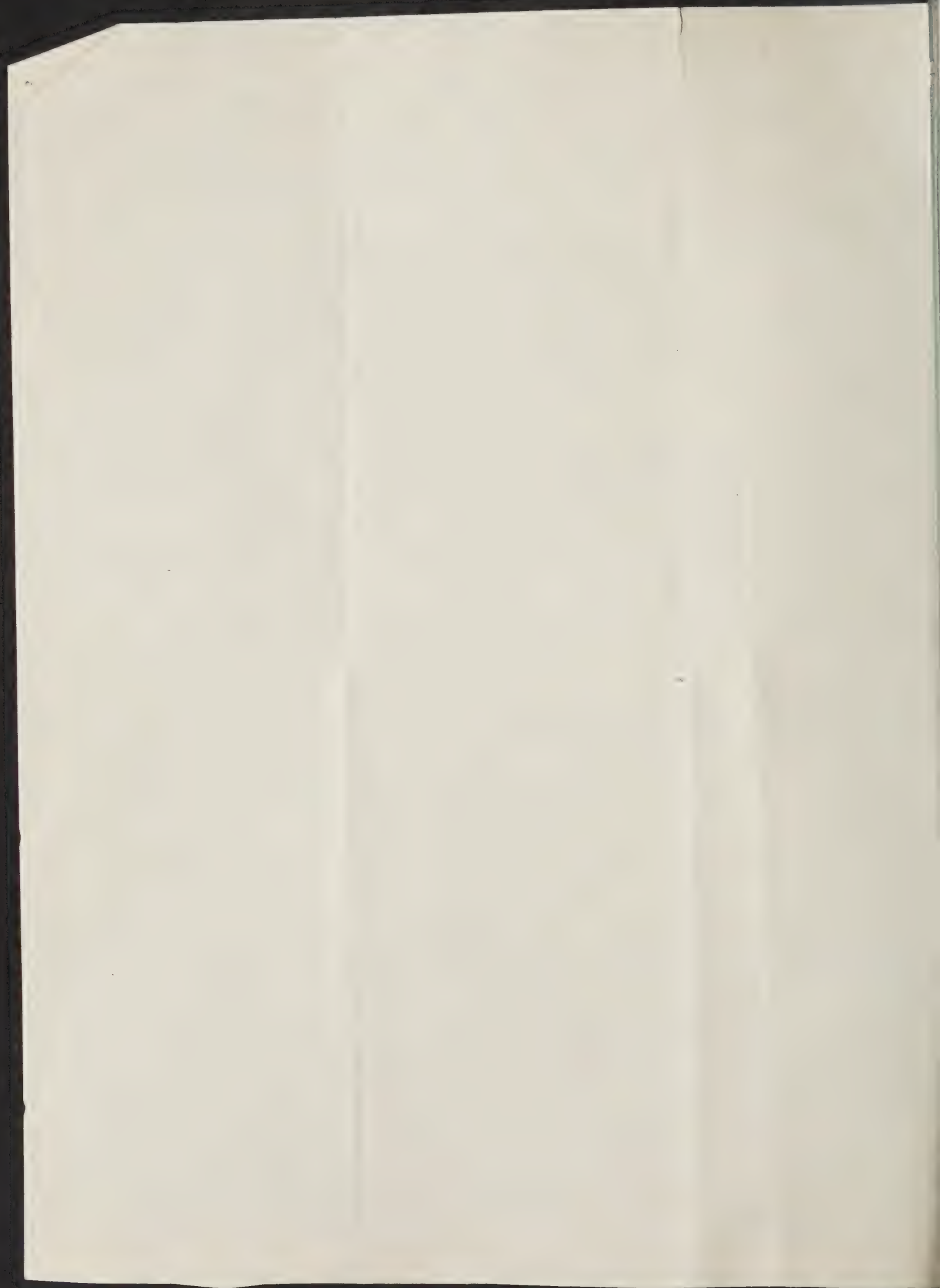
one half on or before the first of Eleventh month and the remainder on or before the first of Fifth month. Monthly meetings are desired to see that payments are made as above, keeping the matter upon their minutes until payment is reported.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting at 21 % is \$ 546.00

Quarterly Meetings are requested to report next year upon a proposition from the Five Years meeting looking toward a discontinuance of meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the functions of said meetings to be merged in the meeting at large. see minute 41 of printed minutes 1908 Meetings will also note sundry changes in the discipline, see same minute.

Quarterly Meetings are requested in making appointments of Friends to serve on the Yearly Meeting's committee on Finance to continue one at least of the persons serving the previous year. See minute 48

Clerks of Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to the



Yearly Meeting's Superintendent of Evangelistic and Church
Extension work to names and addresses of non-resident members
All meetings are requested to take a collection on the first
first day of Tenth month, for an amount equal to at least two
cents per member for the use of committees of the Five Years
Meeting. *Unsettled*

In view of the pressing needs of funds for prosecuting the
work of the Evangelistic and Church Extension committee it is
recommended that all our meetings take a special collection
twice in the year at such times as they may determine, for the
this cause. See recommendation of Finance committee section 3
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Signed on behalf of the Yearly Me
Meeting,

Charles H. Jones, Clerk pro. tem.

John Edward Cairns
Clerk

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Eighth Month. continues

Min V
Treas. Rep.

The treasurer's report duly audited was read and accepted.

Min VI
Rep. of
W. Com.

The committee on nominations made the following report viz. Clerks - Thomas Kelley
Correspondent Susan Pickham.

Laura J. Applebott.

Treasurer, Charles A. Chace

The report is accepted and the Friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year.

The committee also recommend that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which is approved and the clerk is desired to inform the Monthly Meetings and forward to them the following communication from our Yearly Meeting's clerk, which has not been sent (see page).

Min. VII
Rep. of
Wan. Com.

The quarterly reports of the Evangelistic Committee and its treasurer have been read and accepted. To gather with suggestions for increasing the amount of funds so much needed, and this matter is left with the Evangelistic Committee to take such steps as they deem best to bring the subject before our Monthly Meetings. An offering was taken, amounting to nineteen dollars and 37 cts. (\$19.37).

The financial needs of the meeting at Salt River with reference to retaining the services of L. Oscar Brown as pastor, was presented by the Evangelistic Committee. This meeting records its appreciation of the services of L. Oscar Brown both in Salt River and in the Quarterly Meeting at Long.

Eight Month 1908. Concludes.

The matter of financial aid that may be needed to supplement the efforts of the Fall River societies is to be left with the Evangelistic Committee to report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being concluded we adjourn proposing to meet at Fall River in the eleventh month next if the Lord permit.

Susan Peckham,
Clerk for the day.

Eleventh Month 1908

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 5, 1908. at Fall River, Mass.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are found to be from Rhode Island. Mary W. Macomber, Isaac B.

Min. I

Macomber, Samuel W. Hodges, Emma M. Sherman, Mary E. Kimber, Robert C. Wetherell, Winfield T. Tison, Emma H. Hodges.

Reps.

Greenwich. Anna Merrill, Ellen Lockwood, Christopher A. Thippes, Anna J. Brown, Mary W. Wieden, Mary A. Gould, Sarah M. Carpenter, Eva Malley.

Swansea. Phineas D. Fletcher, Eliza A. Tison, Mary A. Gage, H. Emma Skinner, Charles Estes, Charles A. Case.

Providence. Seth K. Gifford, Edith T. Batley, Ronald T. Tison.

Robert R. Macomber, Sarah Scott, Willis H. Tison.

Min. Tison

The Quies have been read and examined at this time. In the absence of the assistant clerk, Seth K. Gifford was appointed for the day.

Min. 115

Min. 62

Min. 11

Wallace A. Gill, a minister of the gospel, duly accredited by Alliance Monthly Meeting Ohio, with an endorsement by their Superintendent of Evangelistic and Pastoral work acceptably attended this meeting.

Wallace 11

Gill, Minister

Min. V.

P. Aydelott

appointed

Phoebe J. Aydelott was appointed to prepare and present at our next meeting a statement of ^{the} question relating to the proposed discontinuance of the Yearly on Ministry and Oversight as set forth in Minute 12 of Information from the Five Years Meeting.

Min. VI

Evan. Com

Report

The Evangelistic Committee presented its report for the quarter just past. It shows careful attention to the various interests under its charge and a balance of \$65.00 in its treasury.

Cleveland, Nov. 1908.

The report was directed to be printed & filed.
The committee made an earnest appeal for aid
in rendering possible the continuance of the pastoral work
so conspicuously begun during the past year in
Fall River. A collection was taken up amounting
to Twenty eight \$,88¹² dollars in cash and thirty five dollars
in pledges. Under a feeling that the urgent need of the
hour was to strengthen the work in Fall River it was
decided to devote the whole collection to that field.

Having concluded the business coming
before us we now adjourn, proposing to meet at
the usual time in December in the time next, if the
Lord permit.

Thomas J. Butler,
Clerk.

Second Month 1909

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held in Providence 2nd mo 4, 1909.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings it
appears that the representatives to this are from
Rhode Island.

Mrs. E. Linder William Root Richard
Macomber, William Weaver, Isaac L. Fish, and
Emma Hamby.
Greenwich.

Mrs. Mabel Anna Merrill Anna Brown
Mary L. Sufferter and Ellen H. Leonard
Swansea.

Joseph C. Estes, Leta C. Evans, Margaret
Alzada L. Strange, L. Oscar Moon.
Providence.

William C. Butler, Albert C. Macomber,
Jesse R. Gifford, S. Caroline Foley Emily S. White and
Sarah Scott.

Whose names being called all were found to be present and
the names were read and considered.

We appoint Isaac B. Macomber Samuel C. Butler
E. Anna Sufferter Anna Brown Mary C. Sage Charles
Estes Jesse R. Gifford S. Caroline Foley a nominating
committee to bring forward at our next meeting the
names of Friends for an evangelistic committee a
superintendent of Bible schools, two members of the
Yearly Meetings Committee or similar representatives to the
Yearly Meeting, and two advisory members of the Foreign
Mission Board.

Second April 1897.

The meeting of the Executive Committee needed a report of some of their responsibilities in this important branch was one of the Church's work. Attention has been given to the conduct of the smaller meetings as before but they felt the need of more workers and larger groups. They report a balance in the treasury of £5.17 with several bills still unpaid. Their earnest appeal for a liberal contribution resulted in a collection of £34.21.

In accordance with an appointment three months ago David S. McDowell acceptably presented before the meeting a question on one of the subjects of continuing the meetings Ministry or Ministry and Church and their absorption by and co-operation with regular business sessions. His statements opened the way for a free discussion of the question which was quite fully entered into on its various aspects but it was thought best to postpone our final decision to our next meeting.

Having concluded the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet on East Broadway at the usual time on 3rd next if the Lord permit.

Thomas S. McDowell
Clerk

Sept. 1847.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich June 6. 1847.

By the accounts given our Monthly Meeting appears that the representation to this year given Rhode Island,

Oliver G. Hambley Emma H. Hambley William Lawrence Richard R. Macomber Mary W. Macomber H. C. Kinter, Fred. W. Betti, Greenwich,

Sarah Carpenter, Maria Brown, Anne G. Bagginton, Catharine Carpenter, Maria Harris Lydia Drankwater, Eva Matting, Quaker,

L. Oscar Moore Charles C. Thompson J. Briggs Eliza A. Smith, Maria R. Chase, Providence.

Georah W. Gifford Mary H. White U. H. Case Mary S. Case Lewis S. Smith William Richardson.

When names being called all were given to be in attendance except two.

In the absence of the secretaries Abner Lewis & Abigail were appointed for the day. The Committee appointed to report on the previous year reported as follows.

Their report appears and the following names were hereby appointed to have reports made viz. For representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting John S. Kink, Mary W. Macomber, Elizabeth Shippey & Oscar Moore, Phil S. Apple

Fifth Month 1907.

The meeting report the Evangelical Council was read and adopted. A number of new people and help out in the work of the Church. A report of the financial condition of the regular society would show much larger funds than the \$70.15 now in the treasury. A collection was taken of aid of the working community to

Our church was visited by a number of ministers and also L. Green his wife of some ability. Meeting with a purpose of making the approaching Yearly collection of aid. They having seen the approach of the winter.

The Women's Foreign Missionary ^{Society} presented their annual report which was accepted and directed to be placed on file.

It showed some increase the same as last year with 131 members as of last year, but 20 temporary members. The sum of \$107.50 had been raised which is a gain of \$107.50. The report passed, came the necessity for reading and an estimate given, and recovers the following money. The report was accepted. It is now up to the work and done with a look to the end. Anna M. Harvey who had been said to act in the little church. The Sup. of Bible Schools presented his report which was accepted and ordered read at the Y. Meeting.

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Sept. 18th 1904

A communication from Charles H. County, urging
his presence as a member of the Board of Missions
of the R. S. Synagogue League was received.
The Minutes postponed action till next
Quarterly Meeting with the request that
he reconsider his resignation.

The question of discontinuing the business
on Minutes and Correspondence was brought
up for further discussion, but owing to lack of
time was laid over till another meeting,
and our final report to the Synagogue League passed.

We authorize our Treasurer to pay the sum of twenty
five dollars (\$25) to the Federation of Churches in aid of
its work.

Recognizing the increasing value of the records
of our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings from a historical
standpoint this meeting is united in requesting
the Board of Missions to take some action for
the proper preservation and custody thereof.

Having concluded the business coming
before us, a young person proposing to meet at 10 o'clock
at the usual time in the Church next if the
Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

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NAMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

TOTALS

MEMBERSHIP.

1. Number of Members last year,						208	68	353	234893
2. Additions by Birth,						1	0	2	03
3. " " Request,						11	3	4	220
4. " " Letter,						1	0	1	02
5. " " Certificate,						0	0	1	45
6. Total Additions,						13	3	8	630
7. Loss by Death,						4	0	2	38
8. " " Disownment,						0	0	1	01
9. " " Resignation,						1	0	1	02
10. " " Discontinuance of names,						0	0	7	07
11. " " Letter,						0	0	6	06
12. " " Certificate,						0	0	0	00
13. Total Loss,						5	0	17	224
14. Number of Members this year,						216	71	374	238899
15. Net Gain,						8	3		46
16. Net Loss,								9	

MISCELLANEOUS.

17. Number of Males,						88	31	176	123418
18. " " Females,						128	40	198	115481
19. " under 21 years,						38	15	104	46203
20. " of Adult Members,						178	56	270	192696
21. " " Associate Members,						12	0	22	1548
22. " " Associates who have become Active,						0	0	0	00
23. " " Resident Members,						192	28	290	192708
24. " " Non-Resident Members,						18	43	84	46191
25. " " Recorded Ministers, resident, 14 non-resident, 4						5	4	5	418
26. " " Members in College,						0	1	1	68
27. " " Members Teaching,						0	3	4	1017
28. Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?						Yes	not	2	
29. Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?						Yes	not	2	
30. Number of Particular Meetings,						2	2	3	4
31. " " Monthly Meetings,									4
32. " " Meetings without Recorded Ministers,									

EDUCATIONAL.

1. Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,						35	4	86	36211
2. " in school the past year,						27	2	30	3493
3. " in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,						11	1	5	921
4. " graduating from High Schools or Academies,						0	2	1	13
5. " graduating from College, and name of College,						1	0	0	01
<i>University of Maine.</i>									
6. Number in College the past year,						0	1	1	46
7. " graduating from Professional Schools,						0	0	0	00
8. " of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,						1	3	4	108

Early Morning Summary: 1/8

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Mar 22

1870

The jubilee have been our usual time for a number of times, in our meeting during the past year. We have appointed the following persons as representatives to the Society meeting.

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Financ.

Our President informs us that he has approved
the amendment proposed in your circular, and that
He has appointed Mr. W. L. Garrison and Dr. J.
Angell, members of the Finance Committee of
the Society of Friends.

Nov 1

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We have appointed Albert R. Woodworth
of Littleton, Mass., our Superintendent of Public Schools.
Seth K. Gifford and M. Augustus Willoughby
members of the Young Men's Union Board
and our Evangelists Corwin M. Johnson and
William H. Butler become our visiting ministers.
Our Evangelists and Church Collection will

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Men. VII

Prof. or Min

A collection has been taken for the benefit of the Free School, and paid over to your Treasurer. The proposition for discontinuing the Lecture on Slavery, and Obedience submitted to us by our minutes on the 5th. last, has received our careful attention, but we have thought it best to wait another year before making our final decision.

June 14

Reports

Mem. 1.

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From reports received from our monthly meetings we have prepared a summary of statistics and news on the state of society which we forward with the

Recognizing the increasing value of the records of our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings from our earlier days, this meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to be

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section for the proper preservation and custody thereof.

From the minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

Thomas F. Bitter,

Clk.

I

Summary on the State of Society.

Spiritual Condition of the Membership.

One report says that the spiritual condition of the membership is good, another that somewhat much interest is manifested, while a third says that their condition was not reaching the standard which they desire and hope to attain, and regrets that members do not engage in vocal service as much as would be profitable.

Lack of interest in the spiritual life is much evidenced by many in our meetings by their lack of interest in the service for worship, and in other ways.

II

Attendance on Public Worship.

One small meeting was suspended through the weather but has now been resumed, but otherwise so far as appears from the reports the regular meetings for worship and the Bible Schools have been regularly held, and the interest and attendance in some of them appears to be increasing.

One reports attendance falling off and in others it continues practically unchanged.

Family Devotions

One report says, "Family devotions, as far as some

Eighth Month, 1909.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport 8th 1909.

By the accounts from our several Monthly
Meetings the representatives are from
Rhode Island.

Frederika Bolli, Mary W. Macomber,
Hannah C. Borden, Richard H. Macomber,
William Weaver.

Greenwich,

William H. Perry.

Mary A. Gould, Carrie G. Buffington
Anna Brown, Lula Scott Christopher A. Thippie
Swansea

Mary A. Guye, H. Emma Skinner,
Joseph C. Estes, Laura B. Sydelott.
Providence

M. Augusta Batley, Albert H. Macomber,
Susan L. Meador, Thomas J. Batley, E. Herbert
Briggs, Thomas C. Luen.

All were present except ~~five~~ for the absence of
one an excuse was given.

Owing to an oversight in appointing a
nominating and auditing committee at Green
in 5th month, this meeting is united in accepting
a report from a committee informally appointed at the
close of the morning session for worship, which is as
follows.

Your committee to audit the treasurer's account
report that they have examined the same and find
it correct, and propose that the sum of six hundred
dollars (\$600.00) be raised for the ensuing year.

Gonic, N. H. 8th. Mo. 6th. 1909.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk

Providence, R.I.

Dear Friend:-

I send thee the following advices from the Yearly Meeting for the guidance of the Quarterly Meetings.

1st. It is decided to raise \$2700. for the use of the Yearly Meeting this year. The Quota of R.I. Quarterly Meeting is 21% or \$567.

2nd. Attention is called to the request of Dover Quarterly Meeting on page 6 of the printed Minutes, and the advice of the Yearly Meeting in regard to the same.

3rd. By the change in the constitution of the Foreign Mission Board see page 33 of Minutes, Art. 5, the Quarterly Meetings will appoint one Advisory member each, instead of two as heretofore.

4th. See Minute 52 page 80, in regard to appointment of representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

5th. It is directed that our several meetings take a special collection in 10th. Mo. for the use of the committees of the Five Years Meeting. Minute 64.

6th. See Minute 66, page 84.

7th. Next Yearly Meeting begins 6th. Mo. 22nd, at Providence, R.I.

Sincerely thine,

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

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Eighth Month 1909.

The committee according to appointment also propose the following named Friends as officers of this meeting for the year ensuing, viz.

Clerk. Thomas J. Batley Assistant Clerk. Susan Pickham.
Correspondent. Laura B. Hydelott, 341 Rock St. Fall River, Mass.
Treasurer. Charles A. Chace

For the Committee

John G. Kimber.

Newport Tm 5, 1909.

We approve of this report and hereby appoint to their respective stations the Friends therein named.

Our dear friends John and Nettie Riley, ministers of the gospel duly accredited to University Monthly & Wichita Quarterly Meetings, Kansas, acceptably attended this meeting, and the clerk is authorized to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

The exercises have been read and considered at this time.

No word having been received from Charles P. Roundy regarding his resignation from the Temperance League, the matter is postponed to the meeting in 11th mo.

The representatives to the late Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended except five.

The report of our Treasurer duly audited was submitted at this time and showed a balance in the treasury of \$87.50.

The quarterly report of the Evangelistic Committee was

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a hopeful outlook of the work especially at
Anthony. The treasurer's report shows a balance of
\$100.00 but as existing claims against this sum together
with the work they hope to carry on will
materially reduce its amount, the committee advise
that we take up another collection at this
time. This was done and the amount contributed was
Fifteen dollars fifty six cents, (\$15.56)

No minute from our Yearly Meetings Clerk respecting
apportionment and other items having been
received at this time. The clerk is instructed
to obtain such information at an early date
and forward it to the monthly meetings.

The discussion of the change of discipline
postponed from the meeting in 5th mo is deferred to
the meeting in the 11th mo. at Fall River, and
made a special part of the business of that meeting.

We appoint Clarence M. Case, Laura B. Hyatt
Geo. B. Evans John L. Kimber and C. Anna Tucker,
a committee to consider whether a conference
of Friends in Southern New England can advantageously
be arranged for at ~~Saunders~~ or Fall River during
the approaching autumn to consider the practical
applications of the report of the Yearly Meetings Com-
mittee on the State of Society, and if in their
judgment the plan seems feasible to proceed to
arrange for it.

Having concluded the business coming before us, we adjourn proposing to meet at
Fall River at the same time in the 11th mo next, if the road permit.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Eleventh Month (1901) (Continued)

The resignation of Charles J. Carter, resigned from
the Board of Trustees, was accepted. Mr. Carter
was appointed in his place. Mr. Carter was appointed in his place.
The Board of Trustees was appointed in his place.
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Sunday, Oct. 27th, was held at 10 o'clock P.M.
The Board of Trustees was appointed in his place.
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The report of the Board of Trustees was presented.
The Board of Trustees was appointed in his place.
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The Board of Trustees was appointed in his place.

on hand of \$40.10.

Responding to a request in the Committee report a resolution
relating to Sunday school, (see § 21. 22) was taken up
for further action in the work.

In accordance with the minutes made last quarter we
entered quite fully into the question whether or not
approve or disapprove the amendment to our Constitution
and Discipline as referred to us by our Yearly Meeting.

The expression clearly showed that U. S. Society
was not prepared to approve the amendment in its
present form and so the suggestion which led to this
^{proposed} amendment originated in this Society. It was
thought best to appoint a committee to frame an
appropriate minute to the Yearly Meeting explaining our
^{position} on the subject and the reasons therefor.

John S. Updell, Thomas J. Kelly, Mary A. Clifford Geo. W. Brown
and Charles W. Case were therefore named for that service
and requested to report at the next meeting.

The business having been completed the meeting
adjourns proposing to meet at the usual time in February
in 2nd mo next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Kelly
Clerk.

Second Month 1910.

At Rhode Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in
Providence 2nd mo. 3rd 1910.

By the reports from our Monthly Meetings the
representatives to this are from

Rhode Island

William Weaver, Emily A. Holman
Cordelia Lawrence, Fredrika Bolt, William Holt
Mary E. Kimber
Greenwich

Eva Mathey, Moses Buffington, Anna Brown
Sarah Carpenter, Mary Anna Gould.
Swansea

A. Homer Skinner, Sarah Glade Chace,
Francis H. Estes, L. Oscar Moon.

Providence

Sarah Scott, Deborah W. Gifford, John S. Adams,
Albert R. Macomber, Valentine E. Reader,
William A. Butler, Emily S. White, all of
whom were in attendance except three

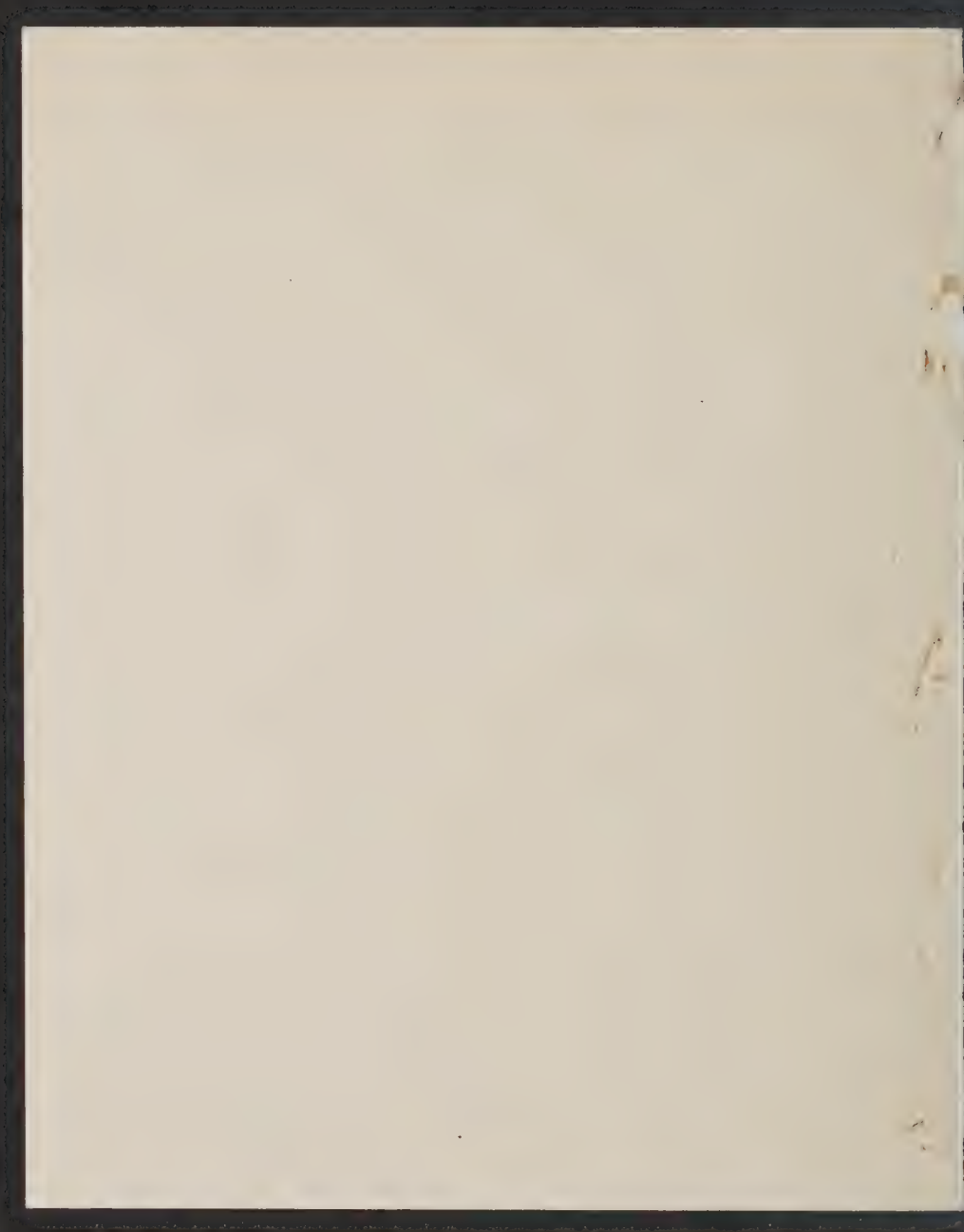
We have appointed Richard R. Macomber
Mary E. Kimber, E. Sarah Tucker, Moses Buffington
Adeline F. Chace, George Fred Davis, Clarence M. Case and
M. Augusta Balley a nominating committee to bring
forward at our next meeting the names of Friends
for our Evangelistic Committee & Superintendent of Bible
Schools. Two members of a Finance Committee,
representatives to the Yearly Meeting and one advisory member
of the Board of Foreign Missions

Rhode Island Mo. Meeting reported the following minute
taken 2nd mo 30 1909, liberating Samuel H. Hodges for gospel

Our dear friend Samuel H. Hodge,
a minister resident with us,
asked for a minute for gospel
work in Ellis and other Pease
Meetings, as the Lord may direct.
The meeting grants his request
with the prayer, that his labors
may be blessed of the Lord!

Taken from the minutes of
Rhode Island Monthly Meet-
ing held at Portsmouth, 12,
30, 1909.

Hannah C. Borden,
Clerk.



Samuel H. Service in Ohio and other Quarterly Meetings. As this service
Hodge, liberated was to be entered upon before this session of our quarterly
meeting convened, the minutes was endorsed by the clerk
of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and of the Meeting our
Ministry and Oversight in accordance with the provisions
of the Discipline page 26. This action was approved by the meeting.

For Samuel H. Service's minutes see margin.

Our dear friend, John Foster Kimber is minister of the
gospel and member of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
J.S. Kimber's
Minutes for
Service in
Jamaica
having been liberated by that body for gospel service
in Jamaica and for such religious work as may
and returning, as may may open to this meeting
officers of the same and encourages him to follow
out his Masters leading in the service contemplated.

He will be accompanied on this visit by his son James Kimber.

The committee on the Fall River Conference made
the following report which is approved and the amount balance
remaining in its treasury is dedicated to pay to the
treasurer of the same meeting.

Fall River
Conference
Report

Report To N. S. Year Meeting;

The program arranged by the
committee was concluded at an evening session following the
last Quarterly Meeting. Murray S. Kenworthy of Lynn Mass. gave
an address on Bible Study which was considered very helpful
by those who remained to hear it.

Financial Statement

Receipts	- - - -	\$ 29.09
Expenditures		27.49
Balance		\$ 1.60 (to be paid to the treasurer of the S.M. as above ordered)

Second Month 1870

Evangelists. The quarterly report of the Evangelistic Committee showed careful attention to the work under their care and recommended that a collection be taken for aid in maintaining their work. As the balance in the Treasury viz \$37.19 is insufficient for this purpose. The collection was taken and amounted to thirty and $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars (\$30.46)

We are grateful to record the attendance and valuable services at our meeting to say of our friends William and Susan E. Thompson from New Bedford, & William B. Thomas of Boston.

Phoebe S. Hyde lotte, on behalf of the committee appointed last month reported the following minutes for incorporation with our next report to the Yearly Meeting the 1st of December. We have now for a full year canvassed the question of disaffiliation whether we should approve or disapprove the amendment and discipline to our Constitution and Discipline sent down through you from the Five Years Meeting and our final conclusion is that we do not approve the amendment in its present form. As the suggestion leading to the proposed change originated in this Yearly Meeting we ought perhaps to justify to ourselves to add that as proposed, the amendment seems to us to continue many of the same difficulties which we wished removed and provides inadequate compensation for the good that would be taken away.

The business of the meeting having been completed we adjourn proposing to meet at the usual time at East Greenwich in the 5th mo next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1910.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5mo 5 1910.

By the accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are found to be from
Rhode Island,

Isaac B. Macomber Cordelia L. Sisson
Emma C. Hodges Mary C. Kimbrey Mayfield S. Sisson
Representatives Nellie H. Stanton Alfred Condit.
Greenwich,

Cuthberts Carpenter, Sarah M. Carpenter, Eva Malley
Lydia Drinkwater, Mary Hudson Christopher A. Shippee.
Swansea

Charles A. Chase L. Oscar Anne Hannah Davis
Eliza A. Sisson, Joseph C. Estes.
Providence

Albert C. Macomber, Mary S. Glass Medwyn
Southwell, Mary A. & Barten John T. Adams, Willis
H. White Charles Sisson, Mary H. White

All of whom were present except six for the absence
of two a sufficient reason was assigned

The nominating committee appointed in 1909 reported
as follows Their report is accepted and the following Friends
are hereby appointed to their several stations

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting;

John T. Kimbrey, Corny Sherman, Isaac B. Macomber,
Eva Malley, E. Anna Tucker, Carrie St. Buffington,
Edith T. Bradley, Seth H. Gifford, S. Caroline Sisson, Charles Sisson,
Charles A. Chase, Phoebe S. Lyddellott, Hannah M. Davis
David Buffum Jr.

Fifth Month (Continued)

Finance Committee

Charles, Wesson Thibe S. Sydelott.
Advisory Member Foreign Mission Board, M. Augusta Batley.

Superintendent of Bible Schools Albert R. Macomber

Evangelistic Committee

William H. Butler, Anna F. Brown,
C. Annah Tucker M. Augusta Batley, Susan Rockham
Hannah C. Todd Mary A. Gifford Hannah C. Borden
Minnie Taylor Margaret A. Gifford Horace L. Borden,
Mary C. Kimber, Ralph Earle, Charles A. Chace
Albert R. Macomber L. Oscar Moon, Eva Matley

J. S. Kimball Mary W. Macomber

Returning Members

John Thibe Kimber returned at the time the
committee given him in the 2nd mo for services in
America and with it presented returning members from
the meetings we had visited expressing their great appreciation
of his presence and helpfulness among them. All of
which is satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Report of
Evangelistic
Com.
The report of the Evangelistic Committee showed faithful
attention to the various interests under their charge
and reviewed the changes that have occurred during the
year. They recommended the appointment of Charles
Esler, Richard C. Macomber and William H. White
to assist the members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the
adjustment of their property affairs, and also to investigate
the advisability of changing the location of the Green
Meeting house for the better accommodation of the members.
The report also asks for a collection to help defray needed
expenses, and shows a balance in the Treasury of
Eighty three and $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars.

Fifth Month 1910 (continued)

The report is accepted, and the Friends named for the Committee are hereby appointed for the service designated.

Collection

A collection was taken amounting to Sixteen dollars ³¹/₁₀₀.

Statistics

Statistical reports from the several Monthly Meetings were read and a summary of them is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. They show our present membership to be 863, a decrease of 36, since last report.

State of Soc.

The reports on the state of society have also been read and the usual summary prepared for the Yearly Meeting.

The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society showed much activity and increasing interest together with a gain in membership of five and an increase of \$73.15 in the contributions over last year, all of which is very satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Bible School

The report of the Superintendent of Bible Schools showed careful attention to the interests of the various schools and made fertile suggestions for increasing their usefulness and efficiency. The report is accepted and will be sent as usual to the Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

Federation

Articles

Willis H. White who represents us in the Federation of Churches for this state reported the growing value and activity of that institution. It is decided to renew our contribution of twentyfive dollars (\$25) for the aid of its work and our treasurer is directed to forward that amount to Charles H. Philbrick, its treasurer 315 Bangor Building Prov. R.I.

Amount

Our treasurer has paid our annual assessment to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The officers named for the coming year are: Charles P. Renshaw is recommended to succeed

and settle the Treasurer's account propose a sum
to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year, and
also to nominate clerk's Treasurer and correspondents
for the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year and
to report at our next meeting.

Having finished the business coming before
us we adjourn proposing to meet at the same
time in Newport in the 8th month next if the Lord
permit.

Thomas Ball
Clerk.

Yearly Meeting Summary for 1910.

To New England Yearly Meeting and to be held in Providence,

Dear Friends:

Min. 1. Quorum

The Quorum have been read and considered the reported minutes of business during the year.

We have appointed the following Friends representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Min. 2

John S. Hunter, Amy Sherman, Isaac S. Gardner, Eva Mutton, C. Marshall, Lucie Lane & Buffington (representing the latter), J. Butler, John H. Lyford, S. G. Brown, John Charles, Lillian, Charles, & Chase, Emma, J. Lydell, Hannah, H. Davis, David Buffum Jr.

Min. 3

Our treasurer has paid yours the assessment proposed in your minute received in Febro. last.

Min. 4

We have appointed Charles L. Brown and J. H. Lydell members of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Min. 5

The Churchward

We have appointed H. Augustus Bailey advisory member of the Foreign Mission Board, Robert P. Macomber, Superintendent of Bible Schools, and J. H. Butler, and on Evangelistic Committee whose chairman William H. Butler, becomes a member of your Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

Min. 6

Min. 7

A collection for the committees of the Yearly Meeting has been taken and paid over to your treasurer.

We have now for a full year considered the business of the Yearly Meeting as recorded in the minutes of 2nd mo 1910.

Min. 8

Min. 9

Min. 10

Yearly Meeting Summary (Continued)

Min 7 We have compiled a Summary of Statistics and one
Statistician has a table of society from reports sent us by our
monthly Meetings. These we forward to you.

We have approved a new section of rules for the
Swansea Monthly Meeting as follows.

On the last 2nd day in each month at 2.00 o'clock P.M.

At Swansea in the First, Third, Seventh and Ninth months
at Freeport in the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Tenth months

At Freetown in the Fifth and Eighth Months.

Summary on the State of Society.

1. Attendance in Public Worship
The following abstract ^{the report} sent up by one of our monthly Meetings
may perhaps be a little in taking in a general way the
condition of us. Out of a membership roll of 230
in the Monthly Meeting a interesting new account of 74
There is a body of perhaps 70 who may be called
substantial members of our Day evening meetings.
about 60 in our congregation and 30 in the other

These are the two part families in our place
and there are a few others who would gladly
join but are kept away by business or other
duties. It appears that only a little more than
half our members are taking any interest in
the day work of the church. It is not so much
as we would like. Thus it will be seen that our
membership is pretty well divided into three groups
the first of which is the largest, the second is the
smallest and the third is the least. It is not
a very satisfactory state of affairs.

Statistics for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for 1909-10

NAMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

TOTALS

MEMBERSHIP.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
1. Number of Members last year,	210	71	274	131	686
2. Additions by Birth,	0	0	3	0	3
3. " " Request,	7	2	1	0	10
4. " " Letter,	0	0	1	0	1
5. " " Certificate,	1	0	0	0	1
6. Total Additions,	8	2	4	0	14
7. Loss by Death,	1	1	1	3	6
8. " " Disownment, <i>Ernest's last year report</i>	0	0	0	3	3
9. " " Resignation,	0	0	2	0	2
10. " " Discontinuance of names,	0	0	2	0	2
11. " " Letter,	0	0	0	0	0
12. " " Certificate,	0	0	1	0	1
13. Total Loss,	1	1	3	3	8
14. Number of Members this year,	211	72	275	130	688
15. Net Gain,		1			1
16. Net Loss,					7

MISCELLANEOUS.

17. Number of Males,	91	31	160	119	401
18. " " Females,	125	41	183	111	460
19. " " under 21 years,	42	5	73	45	165
20. " " of Adult Members,	174	67	272	185	698
21. " " Associate Members,	7	10	27	12	56
22. " " Associates who have become Active,	0	2	0	0	2
23. " " Resident Members,	189	51	167	174	681
24. " " Non-Resident Members,	21	21	78	56	176
25. " " Recorded Ministers, resident, non-resident	4	2	4	4	14
26. " " Members in College,	0	0	1	3	4
27. " " Members Teaching,	3	1	3	12	20
28. Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	- nearly perfectly				
29. Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	- yes				
30. Number of Particular Meetings,	2		2	2	6
31. " " Monthly Meetings,					4
32. " " Meetings without Recorded Ministers,	0	0	1		1

EDUCATIONAL.

1. Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,	36	5	17	29	87
2. " " in school the past year,	27	4	20	27	78
3. " " in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,	17	1	5	11	34
4. " " graduating from High Schools or Academies,	2	0	0	3	5
5. " " graduating from College, and name of College,	0	0	0	2	2
6. Number in College the past year,	0	0	1	5	6
7. " " graduating from Professional Schools,	0	0	0	0	0
8. " " of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,	3	0	1	12	16

January 11th 1900

When we were in London, my little sister and I were
 who I met people who were very kind and I met
 attenders, are not as yet members with us.
 There is much to be done in the future and it is
 in the winter the time. I am sure we shall
 wherever we venture many are willing to be found in the
 attitude of the "pious" people. It is all a long
 and we have a place where there is a lot of
 a lot of people who are willing to be found in the
 ought to be a source of help and I am glad
 that the "pious" people are willing to be found in the
 "The world is not the most just however and a black, but
 in the world at large there are many people
 living there."

Omit. current

"Another meeting reports increasing signs of deepening religious
 life evidenced by increased attendance at our meetings and
 a growing sense of personal responsibility. We have
 many new members. This is a greatly increased
 Charleston O. C. S. Society."

Two small meetings in the form of singing have been
 continued through the winter but have some prospect
 now of resuming activity. In view of the future it is
 thought that much might be accomplished if there
 was sufficient leadership. Our meetings are
 held in the home and the membership is not quite satisfactory
 as long as the things

III. Character of the work.

The conduct of the work has been the same as before

Since our 17. State of Society continued
another week to the same degree to be with
out any considerable change those are some
of the reasons.

IV Family Devotion.

We have reason to fear that family devotion
are not regularly maintained by a
considerable portion of the membership.

V Work in which Friends are Engaged.
Apart from the Home Foreign Miss. Society and
the Sabbath Schools which are reported elsewhere, the
Christian work carried upon during the past
year is not quite as follows.

Several members in our Monthly Meeting are
engaged in various missionary work.
One, however has been blessed with preaching
the word in the West Indies.

One minister in another meeting has done much
work in reporting to calls for aid from
a growing congregation. One congregation has
a Home Missionary Society whose meetings held
once a month are made deeply interesting
by the reports of a minister a white man who
spends his life among the poor. By his aid
the society has been able to reach and relieve very
many cases of poverty and suffering.

In the number of the same meeting is strenuously
urging his life to new work. Another meeting reports
that when all is told the feeling remains
that many valuable resources still lie dormant in
our membership which more intelligent organization

the successful efforts of a benevolent society, where they are able to assist in the work.

some of the most interesting and valuable
specimens of the collection.

Thomas A. Batten.

Decr.

English Monthly, 1910.

At Rhode Island General Meeting of
Friends held at Newport U.S. Fifth, 1910.

By the way, on the 1st of the month
meeting it appears that the representatives

of the

Emily R. Holmes, Winfield S. Lord,
William R. Boyd, Richard R. Macomber, and
George W. W.

Greenwich

Dr. Walter, Arthur M. Walter,
Lydia L. W. W., Moses J. W.,
Swansea.

Joseph C. Cates, Lillian W. J. J.,
Providence, Charles W. W.,
Providence.

Edward H. W., Louise S. W.,
Elizabeth S. W., Victor S. W.,
John S. W., John S. W.

It was absent and some of the

The minutes of the last meeting were

The representatives to the New York
reported that they are all but one
absent on account of illness.

The same was not yet received.

The committee on Warwick Meeting

reported that they are all but one

ago, reported that they are all but one

Report of Reps.
G. M.
Inquiries.

W. & F. W.

Report of Treasurer to Board (Silent) Annual
Meeting of Friends, Fourth Mo. 4th. 1910.

Cash in hand 1/1/10 4th. 1909	267.00
Received from Monthly Meetings	100.00
Received from Soc. of Friends Treas.	1.00
Total	368.00

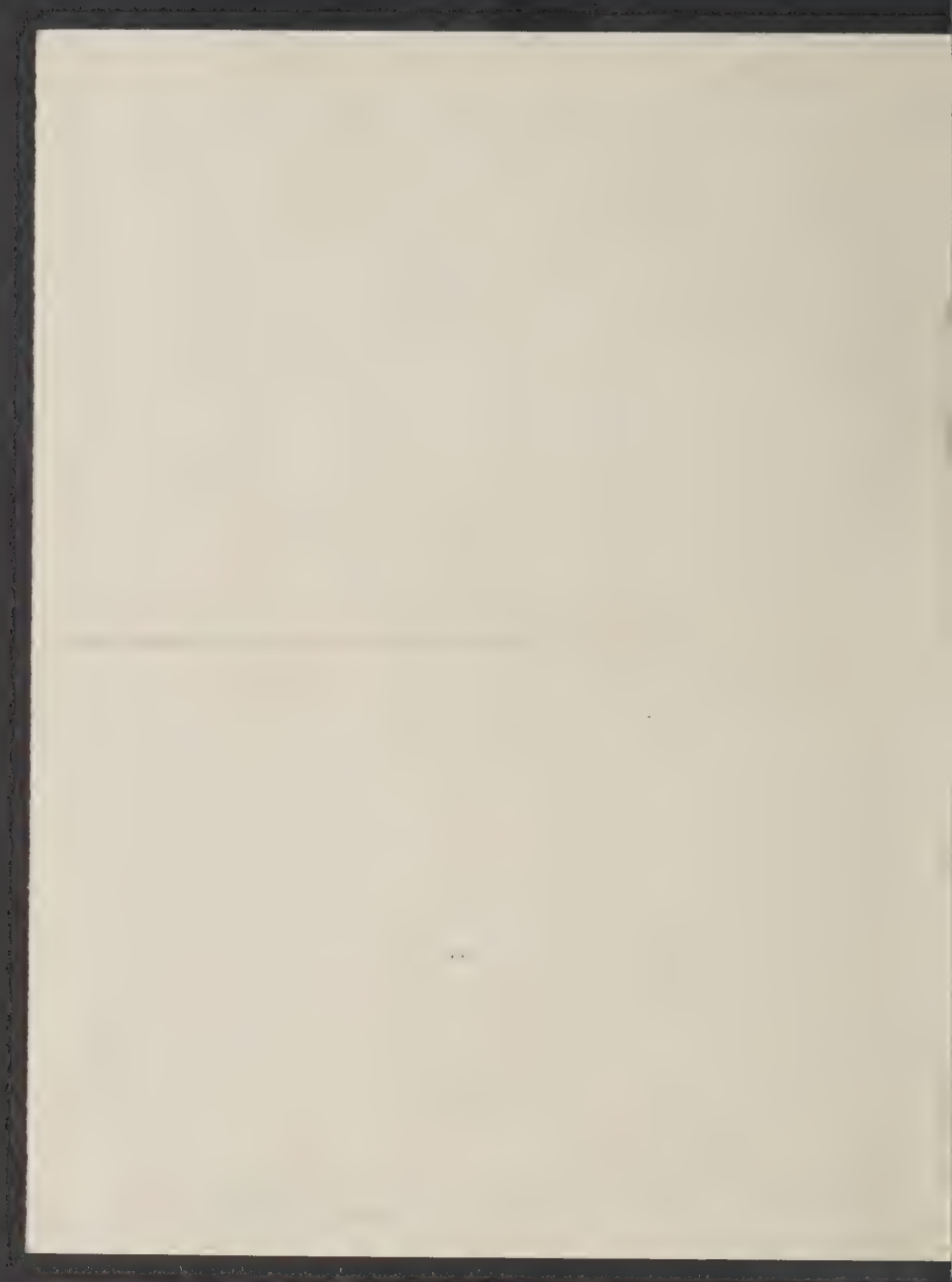
Paid Yearly Meeting of Friends for	
New England	267.00
Paid R.I. Restoration of Churches 1909	20.00
do.	20.00
Balance in hand 1/1/10 4th. 1910	5.00
Total	312.00

Respectfully Submitted

Charles A. Chase Treas.

Report - R.I. Friend 4th. 1910

Richard R. Macomber ^{for committee} Under Secy



Conic, N.H. 8th. Mo. 18th. 1910

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Dear Friend:-

I send thee the following information from the Yearly Meeting.

It was decided to raise \$3,400. for the use of the Yearly Meeting. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, 21%, is \$714.

In this connection, your attention is called to the recommendations of the Finance committee, on page 94 of the printed Minutes, Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Attention is also called to Minute 56 on page 86, though this minute was made before the extra appropriation of \$500. was made for this committee.

The Yearly Meeting is next to be held in Providence, R. I. beginning 6th. Mo. 21st. as printed on the back of the Minutes.

Sincerely thy friend,

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

not ready to make a final report. They are continuing.
 report of The committee on nominations reported the following names.
 n. Com. For Clerk Thomas D. Salter, assistant clerk, Susan B. Latham.
 Treasurer Correspondent, Laura B. Ayicott.
 Treasurer Charles A. Chace.

Their report was accepted, and the Friends named
 appointed to their respective duties for the year.

The Treasurers report was as follows. ~~unpublished~~
 It was approved and accepted.

As no minute has at this time been received
 from our sister meeting clerk respecting stock,
 we have decided to leave the amount to be raised the
 ensuing year by our Quarterly Meeting blank until
 our clerk receives the said instructions, when after
 conferring with our treasurer he is authorized to fill
 the blank and send the customary notice soon to
 our friends (monthly meetings). The minute ~~is~~
 as follows

We have received the accompanying minute from our sister
 meeting's clerk whereby it appears that our assessment for
 the ensuing year is seven hundred and fourteen dollars (\$714.)

Wherefore we propose to raise the sum of seven hundred and fourteen dollars
 for the use of this and the sister meeting and instruct our
 clerk to forward this and other required information to our
 Monthly Meetings.

The Evangelistic committee made their quarterly report on the
 work under their care. It showed a balance of \$64.75 in their
 treasurer's hands. The main feature of their report was
 the proposition to obtain a suitable field across to visit in
 caring for the spiritual interests of those meetings that remain

be in special need of help.

After this important step had been seriously and carefully considered by the Quarterly Meeting, Friends were invited in requesting their Evangelistic Committee to obtain what light they could on the financial side of the question, and if in their judgment they seemed clearly to open for engaging the assistance of a suitable field worker, they were authorized to proceed to carry their concern into practical operation.

A collection amounting to \$16.75 was taken up for aid in the work.

The account used for regular and systematic giving having been brought before us, we appointed Martha T. Linn, Laura D. Lydell and Charles S. Linn to act in conjunction with our representatives on the Quarterly Meeting Finance Committee in devising and bringing into practical operation some plan for securing a more effective use of the envelope system for raising funds in our Quarterly Meeting.

Having finished the business coming before us we adjourn proposing to meet in Fall time at the usual time in the 11th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

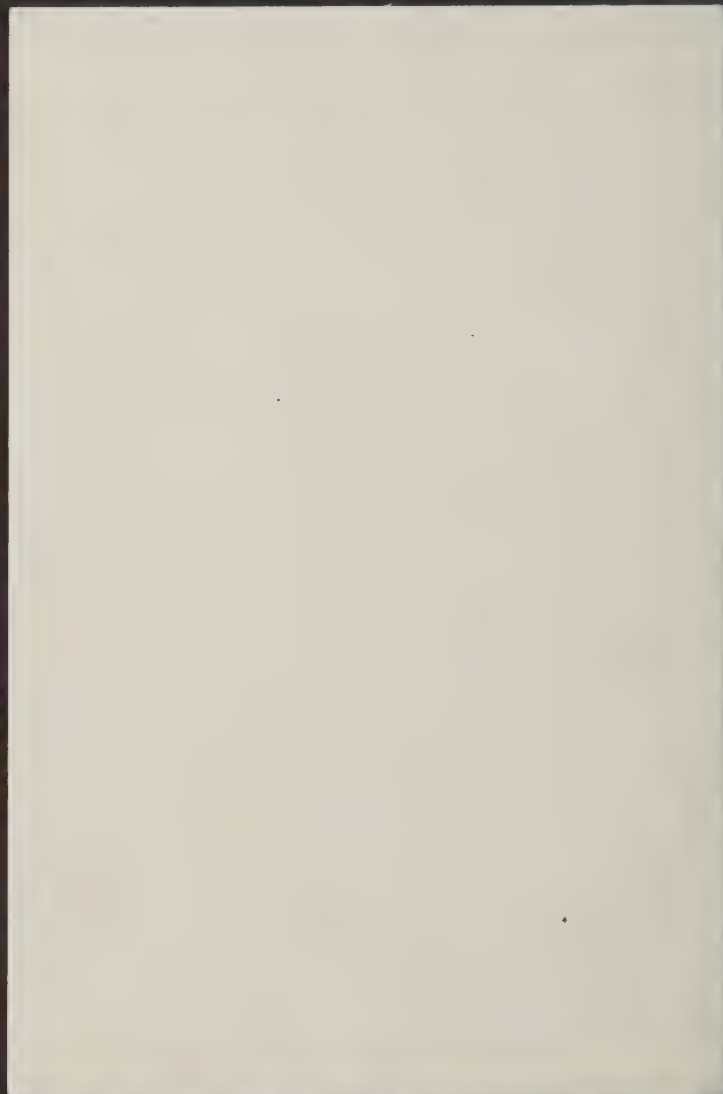
Thomas P. Butler,
Chk.

Evangelistic Committee of
Shaker Island Quarterly Meeting
met at 1 o'clock PM on 4, 1912.

The Treasurer reports a balance
on hand of \$64.87.

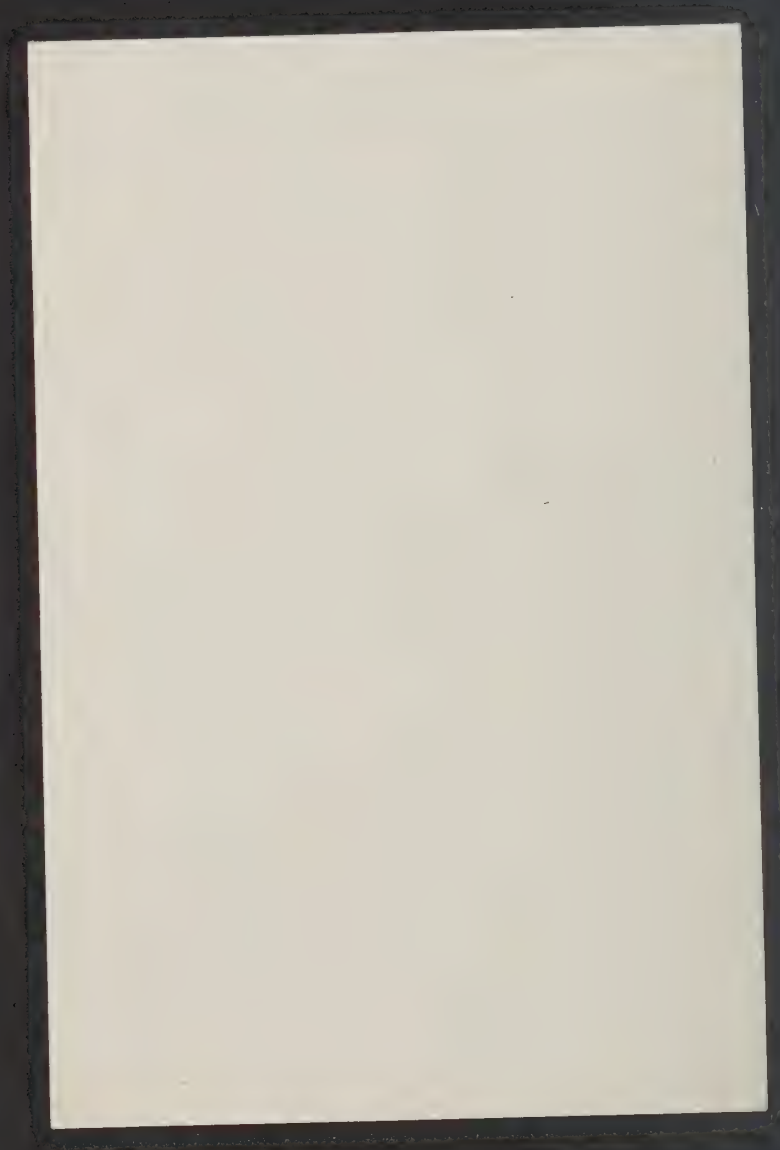
Our Chairman reported that
all efforts to secure ^{needed} 2,000 cards
for service in our Quarterly
Meeting this summer have
failed. Anthony has sus-
pended its Sunday morning
meetings for the month of August.

Our Chairman is determined
to present the plan of a
Quarterly Meeting held winter



to the Quarterly Meeting at
this time.

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Eleventh Month, 1910.

41 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Fall River 11 m. 3, 1910-

The several Monthly Meetings report representatives as follows.
Rhode Island

Isaac B. Macomber, Edmund Gulliver, Hannah
C. Borden, Fredericka Silli, Emily S. Holmes and
Mary E. Kimber.

Greenwich

Eva Mallet, C. Anne Tucker, Anna Merrill and
Moses L. Suffington.

Swansea

Charles Estes, Henry C. Chase, Joseph C. Estes
Thomas A. Briggs, Sarah Stoddard Chase, Hannah M. Davis.

Providence

Emily J. White, Albert R. Macomber, Mary A.
Haskell, Valentine C. Meader, William H. Richardson.

Austin All were present except one. One was absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved.

In the absence of the assistant clerk Emily S. Mallet
was appointed for this day.

The Surveys were read and considered.

The welcome with us to day our dear friend Clara
Henderson recently returned from Jamaica. Also our friends
James and Eva Estes and Isaac Hartman were with us to visit
within our limits.

The committee on Swansea and Melrose not being ready
to report are continued and requested to report in the 2nd month.

The committee on regular and systematic giving made the
following report which was accepted and in accordance with

its recommendations we request the same committee to carry out their concern calling to their assistance those whom they deem best fitted for the work.

Report

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
The committee appointed to consider the financial situation in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting presents the following report.

Having seen the great value of costly offerings when they have been used, we strongly advise the system by means of envelopes, in all the meetings in this Quarterly Meeting and that the financial year of the subordinate meetings correspond with the calendar year.

We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to present the subject of Systematic giving to each local meeting.

On behalf of the committee

Laura B. Wydelott

Secretary:

The quarterly report of the Evangelistic Committee was received. I showed careful attention to the important duties intrusted to it but owing to the illness of its chairman and to other reasons, no definite steps have been taken toward securing the services of a field worker.

The treasurer's report shows a balance in the treasury of \$11.57. A collection amounting to \$13.50 was taken up for the furtherance of their work.

The meeting was united in requesting our

friends Oscar Meston and James Estes though not yet members with us, to act as members on the Evangelistic Committee to fill out the unexpired term of L. Oscar Moore and Geo. B. Evans who have removed from our limits.

We authorize our Evangelistic Committee to take such action as in their judgment may seem best in appointing special meetings within our limits for stirring up an interest or encouraging the scattered membership.

We further recommend that they take the quarterly collection for their work at the close of the meeting for worship and Charles Session is appointed to bring the subject to the attention of the meeting in Preridical in 2nd mo. next.

We recommend that a conference in the interest of Bible School Work be held on 4th day coming during the quarterly meeting next 2nd mo. in Proboscus and ~~represent~~ our Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools in conjunction with Oscar Meston and Herbert C. Borden, to prepare a suitable program of exercises for the occasion.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished we adjourn proposing to meet in Preridical at the usual time in 2nd mo. next if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Ditty
Clerk.

Second Month 1911.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held in Providence 2nd mo. 2^d 1911:-

By the accounts from the Monthly Meetings the
representatives to this are from
Rhode Island-

Alice Jackson, William Holt, Isaac B
Macomber, Richard C. Macomber Emma M. Sherman
Hampfield L. Sisson.
Greenwich

William H. Perry, Elvira M. Perry, Anna
Brown Eva Matley, Mary Weedon,
Swansea.

Annie A. Chace, Charles A. Chace,
Carrie M. De Blois, Ellen Thompson Hannah M. Davis
Providence.

Albert C. Macomber, Thomas Coburn,
Louisa A. Meader, Valentine C. Meader, S. Caroline
Tobey, M. Augusta Talley John F. Adams.

All were present except seven.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
for the absence of the usual clerk S. Caroline Tobey
was appointed for the day.

The queries were read and considered.

Mary W. Macomber, Clara C. Kimber, Anna Brown
Eva Matley, Charles A. Chace, Mary A. Sage,
Charles Sisson and Edith T. Talley were appointed
a nominating committee to bring forward at our
next meeting the names of Friends for an Evangelistic
Committee; Superintendent of Bible Schools;
two members of the Yearly Meetings committed on Finance;

At the time of the first meeting of the committee
in 1901, the committee was composed of the following
members: Mr. J. H. ... and Mr. ...
The committee has since that time been engaged
in a study of the subject of ...
and has been fortunate in securing the assistance
of many of the leading authorities in the field.
The committee has also held many public hearings
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Report of the Committee
on the ...

Printed by the ...

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, (a Religious Society,) held at Providence, R. I., Second Month (February) 2nd, 1911, the meeting was united in recording a protest against the fortification of the Panama Canal, and in urging the President and the Congress of the United States to secure by international agreements, neutralization of the Canal Zone. The clerk was directed to forward copies of this Minute to the President of the United States, the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Rhode Island, and the Representative from the 13th Massachusetts District (a portion of said district being within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting.)

Thomas D. Lillie

Clerk of the Meeting.

Providence, R. I., Second Month (February) 4th, 1911.

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Second Month 1911.

representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, and one advisory member of the Foreign Mission Board.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee reported that no request for special meetings such as were contemplated in the report in 11th mo. last had come to the Committee.

Attention had been given to the meetings under their care and further work was being planned.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of

The collection taken in the morning meeting as directed three months ago, amounted to \$22.25.

The committee to call a conference in the interest of Bible Schools report that a satisfactory meeting was held in Providence as planned.

The sum of \$15.50 was reported as having been collected in the various meetings for the use of the Committees of the Five Years' meeting.

The clerk was authorized to draw on our treasure for the purchase of a new record book for the Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

A concern having arisen at this time that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting send a protest against the fortification of the Panama Canal to the President of the United States and the members of Congress representing the districts embracing the limits of the Quarterly Meeting we have instructed our clerk to formulate and forward such a protest accordingly.

We record our appreciation of the acceptable presence and helpful services of our friends William and Susan T. Thompson from New Bedford, and George G. Williams from Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Second Month 1911.

The following report was presented.

To C. I. Quarterly Meeting.

Dear friends,

Your committee appointed to investigate the advisability of changing the location of Freethouse meeting house for the better accommodation of its members report that it is the judgment of this committee that the removal of the meeting house is not desirable.

We are not ready to report in regard to the matter in relation to the property affairs of Freemwick Monthly Meeting.

Charles Bates
Willis H. Wade
Richard R. Macomber

This report is accepted and the committee continued for the completion of the work assigned them.

Having accomplished the business coming before us we adjourn, proposing to meet in East Freemwick at the usual time in the 5th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Thomas J. Batley,

Clerk.

